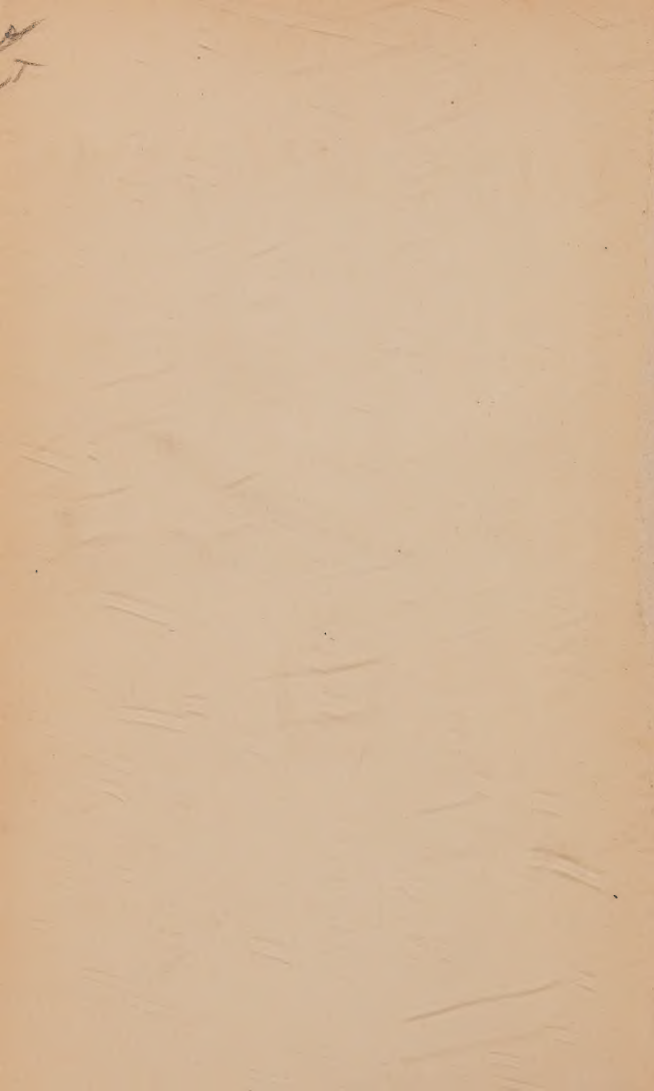




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To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHERN: It is our privilege and duty to recommend to you this volume, which contains the DOCTRINES and DISCIPLINE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which we believe are agreeable to the Word of God. Although the Word of God is the only sufficient rule of faith and practice, the Church, in the liberty given to it by the Lord, and following the example of other churches, ancient and modern, has modified its Discipline from time to time in order more fully to secure the end for which it was founded.

We believe that God's design in raising up the Methodist Episcopal Church in America was to aid in evangelizing the continent and "to spread scriptural holiness over these lands." Evidently God's blessing has been with us, and we have seen an extraordinary work extending throughout all the United States and Territories and throughout the British possessions in North America; also the planting of successful Missions in South America and Mexico. The Methodist Episcopal

Church, in its organic form and spiritual power, has been established in Africa, Asia, and Europe, where God has given to it great prosperity.

During the period in which this work has been extending, the Church has revised its legislation to meet the demands created by its own activities and by the conditions of the different peoples among whom it strives to build up the Kingdom of God.

The peculiar Constitution and Administrative Rules of our Church, to which its success is largely due, deserve careful study. The Itinerant Ministry, the subpastorate through Classes, the Episcopacy, the District Superintendency, the Conferences in their gradation, the Local Ministry, the Judicial Administration, the Interdependence of Ministry and Laity, with the well-defined duties and rights of each, are severally parts of a system which can be truly valued, profitably used, or wisely modified only by those who through loving and faithful study have become familiar with it.

Therefore this volume should be found in the home of every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the more so because it contains the Doctrines maintained, in part or in whole, by every Evangelical Church.

The Order of Worship herein set forth (§ 72) we commend to your scrupulous observance. In

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HISTORICAL STATEMENT

THE doctrine and spirit of Primitive Christianity have existed at different times and in different degrees in all branches of the kingdom of Christ among men. They were embodied in a new form on this wise:

"In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible, saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it, and incited others so to do. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified; but still holiness was their object. God then thrust them out to raise a holy people."

This was the rise of Methodism, as given in the words of its founders, John and Charles Wesley, of Oxford University, Presbyters of the Church of England. Their evangelical labors were accompanied by an extraordinary divine influence; other Ministers and many Lay Preachers were raised up to aid them; and throughout England and in Scotland and Ireland arose *United Societies* of men having the form and seeking the power of godliness. These subsequently became the Wesleyan Churches of Great Britain.

In the year 1766 Philip Embury, a Wesleyan Local Preacher from Ireland, began to preach in New York City and formed a Society, now the John Street Church. Another Local Preacher, Thomas Webb, Captain in the British army, soon joined him and also preached in the City of New York and its vicin-

ity. About the same time Robert Strawbridge, from Ireland, settled in Frederick County, Maryland, preaching there and forming Societies. In 1769 Mr. Wesley sent to America two Itinerant Preachers, Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor, and in 1771 two others, Francis Asbury and Richard Wright. The work thus begun was signally owned of God, so that, at the close of the Revolutionary War, the number of Traveling Preachers was about eighty, and of members in the Societies about fifteen thousand.

When the Independence of the United States was acknowledged by the treaty of 1783, the American Methodists, most of whom had been members of the Church of England, according to the declaration of Mr. Wesley, were "totally disentangled both from the State and the English hierarchy." He added: "They are now at full liberty simply to follow the Scriptures and the Primitive Church, and we judge it best that they should stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has so strangely made them free." The parish clergy had mostly returned to England, and the Methodist Societies were without ordained Pastors. "For hundreds of miles together" they were destitute of the Christian sacraments.

As his children in the Gospel, they appealed to Mr. Wesley for advice and help, and he responded by ordaining Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey as Presbyters (or Elders) for America; and also, since he preferred the Episcopal form of Church government, by setting apart, by prayer and by the imposition of hands, the Rev. Thomas Coke, Doctor of Civil Law, a Presbyterian of the Church of England, to be a Superintendent, "to preside over the flock of Christ" in America. In these services he

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was assisted by other ordained ministers. He also commissioned Dr. Coke to ordain, as joint Superintendent with himself, the Rev. Francis Asbury, then General Assistant for the American Societies. Mr. Wesley also prepared "Articles of Religion" and a "Sunday Service," both abbreviated from the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. In the "Sunday Service" were included forms for the Administration of the Sacraments and for the ordination of Ministers.

At the "Christmas Conference," begun in Baltimore, Maryland, December 24, 1784, sixty Preachers met Dr. Coke and his companions. The plan of Mr. Wesley was submitted to them, and was unanimously and heartily approved. Thereupon they organized the METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, and adopted the Articles of Religion and the Sunday Service prepared by Mr. Wesley, adding to the Articles one containing a recognition of the new Civil Government, and inserting in the Ritual a prayer for the Supreme Rulers of the United States. They also enacted all laws necessary for the government of the new Church. Mr. Asbury was elected to the Episcopal office conjointly with Dr. Coke, by whom, with the assistance of several Presbyters, he was duly consecrated a Bishop. Others were ordained Deacons, and thirteen were elected Elders, and either then or soon thereafter were duly ordained, two of them for missionary work in Nova Scotia and one for like work in Antigua, in the West Indies.

Such was the origin of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the first with an Episcopal form of government to attain an independent existence in the new Republic. While its polity and administrative rules

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have been modified from time to time to meet changing conditions and opportunities, it remains unchanged in doctrine and in ministerial offices. Coeval with the Republic, it has expanded with it, and has ministered to its moral and religious life. At this date (1924) its ministers and communicants, not including adherents, number nearly five millions. Other Methodist Churches, derived from the original root, flourish by its side. Obviously its founders were wise and godly men, fulfilling the purpose of the great Head of the Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has always believed that the only infallible proof of the legitimacy of any branch of the Christian Church is its ability to seek and to save the lost, and to disseminate the Pentecostal spirit and life. The chief stress has ever been laid, not upon the forms but upon the essentials of religion. It holds that true Churches of Christ may differ widely in ceremonies, ministerial orders, and government. Its members are allowed freedom of choice among the debated modes of Baptism. If any member has scruples against receiving the Lord's Supper kneeling, he is permitted to receive it standing or sitting. In ordinary worship its people are invited to unite in extemporary prayer, but for the Administration of the Sacraments, Ordinations, the Solemnization of Matrimony, the Burial of the Dead, and other special services, a Liturgy is appointed, taken in large part from Rituals used by the Universal Church from ancient times.

The sole object of the rules, regulations, and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church is that it

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may fulfill to the end of time its original divine commission as a leader in evangelization, in all true reforms, and in the promotion of fraternal relations among all branches of the one Church of Jesus Christ, with which it is a co-worker in the spiritual conquest of the world for the Son of God.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PREAMBLE

In order the better to preserve our historic heritage, and the more effectually to cooperate with other branches of the one Church of Jesus Christ in advancing the kingdom of God among men, we, the ministers and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in accordance with the methods of constitutional legislation in force among us, hereby ordain, establish, and set forth as the fundamental law or Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church the Articles of Religion, the General Rules, and the Articles of Organization and Government, here following, to wit:

DIVISION I

ARTICLES OF RELIGION

I. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity

¶ 1. There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. *Of the Word, or Son of God, who was made very Man*

¶ 2. The Son, who was the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for the actual sins of men.

III. *Of the Resurrection of Christ*

¶ 3. Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature, wherewith he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth until he return to judge all men at the last day.

IV. *Of the Holy Ghost*

¶ 4. The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

V. *The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation*

¶ 5. The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures we do understand those canonical books of the Old and

New Testament of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church. The names of the canonical books are:

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, The First Book of Samuel, The Second Book of Samuel, The First Book of Kings, The Second Book of Kings, The First Book of Chronicles, The Second Book of Chronicles, The Book of Ezra, The Book of Nehemiah, The Book of Esther, The Book of Job, The Psalms, The Proverbs, Ecclesiastes or the Preacher, Cantica or Song of Solomon, Four Prophets the Greater, Twelve Prophets the Less.

All the books of the New Testament as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

VI. *Of the Old Testament*

¶ 6. The Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for both in the Old and New Testament everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses as touching ceremonies and rites doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity be received in any commonwealth; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral.

VII. *Of Original or Birth Sin*

¶ 7. Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians do vainly talk), but it is the

corruption of the nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam, whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and of his own nature inclined to evil, and that continually.

VIII. *Of Free Will*

¶ 8. The condition of man after the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and works, to faith, and calling upon God; wherefore we have no power to do good works, pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

IX. *Of the Justification of Man*

¶ 9. We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.

X. *Of Good Works*

¶ 10. Although good works, which are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, cannot put away our sins, and endure the severity of God's judgments; yet are they pleasing and acceptable to God in Christ, and spring out of a true and lively faith, inso-much that by them a lively faith may be as evidently known as a tree is discerned by its fruit.

XI. *Of Works of Supererogation*

¶ 11. Voluntary works—besides, over, and above God's commandments—which are called works of su-

pererogation, cannot be taught without arrogancy and impiety. For by them men do declare that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake than of bounden duty is required: whereas Christ saith plainly: When ye have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unprofitable servants.

XII. *Of Sin after Justification*

¶ 12. Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification: after we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.

XIII. *Of the Church*

¶ 13. The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure Word of God is preached, and the Sacraments duly administered according to Christ's ordinance, in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same.

XIV. *Of Purgatory*

¶ 14. The Romish doctrine concerning purgatory, pardon, worshiping and adoration, as well of images as of relics, and also invocation of saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but repugnant to the Word of God.

XV. Of Speaking in the Congregation in such a Tongue as the People Understand

¶ 15. It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the primitive Church, to have public prayer in the Church, or to administer the Sacraments, in a tongue not understood by the people.

XVI. Of the Sacraments

¶ 16. Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace, and God's good will toward us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm, our faith in him.

There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

Those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say, confirmation, penance, orders, matrimony, and extreme unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel; being such as have partly grown out of the *corrupt* following of the Apostles, and partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or ceremony ordained of God.

The Sacraments were not ordained of Christ to be gazed upon, or to be carried about; but that we should duly use them. And in such only as worthily receive the same they have a wholesome effect or operation: but they that receive them unworthily, purchase to themselves condemnation, as Saint Paul saith, 1 Cor. 11. 29.

XVII. *Of Baptism*

¶ 17. Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration or the new birth. The baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church.

XVIII. *Of the Lord's Supper*

¶ 18. The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but rather is a Sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death; insomuch that, to such as rightly, worthily, and with faith receive the same, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ; and likewise the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ.

Transubstantiation, or the change of the substance of bread and wine in the Supper of our Lord, cannot be proved by Holy Writ, but is repugnant to the plain words of Scripture, overthroweth the nature of a Sacrament, and hath given occasion to many superstitions.

The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper, only after a heavenly and spiritual manner. And the means whereby the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is faith.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshiped.

XIX. *Of both Kinds*

¶ 19. The Cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the Lay People; for both the parts of the Lord's Sup-

per, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be administered to all Christians alike.

XX. *Of the one Oblation of Christ, finished upon the Cross*

¶ 20. The offering of Christ, once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of masses, in the which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit.

XXI. *Of the Marriage of Ministers*

¶ 21. The Ministers of Christ are not commanded by God's law either to vow the estate of single life, or to abstain from marriage; therefore it is lawful for them, as for all other Christians, to marry at their own discretion, as they shall judge the same to serve best to godliness.

XXII. *Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches*

¶ 22. It is not necessary that rites and ceremonies should in all places be the same, or exactly alike; for they have been always different, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and men's manners, so that nothing be ordained against God's Word. Whosoever, through his private judgment, willingly and purposely doth openly break the rites and ceremonies of the Church to which he belongs, which are not repugnant to the Word of God, and are ordained and approved by common authority,

ought to be rebuked openly (that others may fear to do the like), as one that offendeth against the common order of the Church, and woundeth the consciences of weak brethren.

Every particular Church may ordain, change, or abolish rites and ceremonies, so that all things may be done to edification.

XXIII. *Of the Rulers of the United States of America*

¶ 23. The President, the Congress, the General Assemblies, the Governors, and the Councils of State *as the Delegates of the People*, are the Rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States, and by the Constitutions of their respective States. And the said States are a sovereign and independent Nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction.¹

XXIV. *Of Christian Men's Goods*

¶ 24. The riches and goods of Christians are not common, as touching the right, title, and possession of the same, as some do falsely boast. Notwithstanding, every man ought, of such things as he possesseth, liberally to give alms to the poor, according to his ability.

XXV. *Of a Christian Man's Oath*

¶ 25. As we confess that vain and rash swearing is forbidden Christian men by our Lord Jesus Christ

¹ As far as it respects civil affairs we believe it the duty of Christians, and especially of all Christian Ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the powers that be; and therefore it is expected that all our Preachers and People, who may be under the British or any other Government, will behave themselves as peaceable and orderly subjects.

and James, his Apostle; so we judge that the Christian religion doth not prohibit, but that a man may swear when the magistrate requireth, in a cause of faith and charity, so it be done according to the Prophet's teaching, in justice, judgment, and truth.

DIVISION II

THE GENERAL RULES

The Nature, Design, and General Rules of Our United Societies

¶ 26. In the latter end of the year 1739 eight or ten persons who appeared to be deeply convicted of sin, and earnestly groaning for redemption, came to Mr. Wesley in London. They desired, as did two or three more the next day, that he would spend some time with them in prayer, and advise them how to flee from the wrath to come, which they saw continually hanging over their heads. That he might have more time for this great work, he appointed a day when they might all come together; which from thenceforward they did every week, namely, on Thursday, in the evening. To these, and as many more as desired to join with them (for their number increased daily), he gave those advices from time to time which he judged most needful for them; and they always concluded their meeting with prayer suited to their several necessities.

¶ 27. This was the rise of the UNITED SOCIETY, first in Europe, and then in America. Such a society is no other than *“a company of men having the form*

and seeking the power of godliness, united in order to pray together, to receive the word of exhortation, and to watch over one another in love, that they may help each other to work out their salvation."

¶ 28. That it may the more easily be discerned whether they are indeed working out their own salvation, each Society is divided into smaller companies, called Classes, according to their respective places of abode. There are about twelve persons in a Class, one of whom is styled THE LEADER. It is his duty,

§ 1. To see each person in his Class once a week at least; in order, (1.) To inquire how his soul prospers. (2.) To advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require. (3.) To receive what he is willing to give toward the relief of the Preachers, Church, and poor.

§ 2. To meet the Ministers and the Stewards of the Society once a week; in order, (1.) To inform the Minister of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reproved. (2.) To pay the Stewards what he has received of his Class in the week preceding.

¶ 29. There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these Societies—"a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits.

¶ 30. It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced; such as,

The taking of the name of God in vain.

The profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity.

Slaveholding; buying or selling slaves.

Fighting, quarreling, brawling, brother going to law with brother; returning evil for evil, or railing for railing; the using of many words in buying or selling.

The buying or selling goods that have not paid the duty.

The giving or taking of things on usury—that is, unlawful interest.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation; particularly speaking evil of Magistrates or of Ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

Doing what we know is not for the glory of God, as:

The putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The singing those songs, or reading those books, which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Softness and needless self-indulgence.

Laying up treasure upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

¶ 31. It is expected of all who continue in these Societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Second: By doing good; by being in every kind

merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all men:

To their bodies, of the ability which God giveth, by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison:

To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we have any intercourse with; trampling under foot that enthusiastic doctrine, that "we are not to do good unless *our hearts be free to it.*"

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith or groaning so to be; employing them preferably to others; buying one of another; helping each other in business; and so much the more because the world will love its own and *them only.*

By all possible diligence and frugality, that the Gospel be not blamed.

By running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; submitting to bear the reproach of Christ, to be as the filth and offscouring of the world; and looking that men should say all manner of evil of them *falsely*, for the Lord's sake.

¶ 32. It is expected of all who desire to continue in these Societies that they shall continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Third: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are,

The Public Worship of God.

The Ministry of the Word, either read or expounded.

The Supper of the Lord.

Family and private Prayer.

Searching the Scriptures.

Fasting or Abstinence.

¶ 33. These are the General Rules of our Societies; all which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observes them not, who habitually breaks any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish him of the error of his ways. We will bear with him for a season. But if then he repent not, he hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

DIVISION III

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER I

Pastoral Charges, Quarterly and Annual Conferences

ARTICLE I. *Pastoral Charges*

¶ 34. Members of the Church shall be divided into local Societies, one or more of which shall constitute a Pastoral Charge.

ARTICLE II. *Quarterly Conferences*

¶ 35. A Quarterly Conference shall be organized in each Pastoral Charge, and be composed of such

persons and have such power as the General Conference may direct.

ARTICLE III. *Annual Conferences*

¶ 36. The Traveling Preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend.

CHAPTER II

The General Conference

ARTICLE I. *How Composed*

¶ 37. The General Conference shall be composed of Ministerial and Lay Delegates, to be chosen as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II. *Ministerial Delegates*

¶ 38, § 1. Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every fourteen Members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every forty-five; but for a fraction of two thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate.

§ 2. The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Members of the Annual Conference at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. Such Delegates shall be Elders, at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been Members of an Annual Conference four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of

the session of the General Conference shall be Members of the Annual Conference which elected them. An Annual Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates.

§ 3. No Minister shall be counted twice in the same year in the basis for the election of Delegates to the General Conference, nor vote in such election where he is not counted, nor vote in two Conferences in the same year on a constitutional question.

ARTICLE III. *Lay Delegates*

¶ 39, § 1. A Lay Electoral Conference shall be constituted quadrennially, or whenever duly called by the General Conference, within the bounds of each Annual Conference, for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and for the purpose of voting on constitutional changes. It shall be composed of lay members, one from each Pastoral Charge within its bounds, chosen by the lay members of the Charge over twenty-one years of age, in such manner as the General Conference may determine. Each Pastoral Charge shall also elect in the same manner one Reserve Delegate. Members not less than twenty-one years of age, and holding membership in the Pastoral Charges electing them, are eligible to membership in the Lay Electoral Conference.

§ 2. The Lay Electoral Conference shall assemble at the seat of the Annual Conference on the first Friday of the session immediately preceding the General Conference, unless the General Conference shall provide otherwise.

§ 3. The Lay Electoral Conference shall organize

by electing a President and Secretary, shall adopt its own Rules of Order, and shall be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its own members.

§ 4. Each Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to elect as many Delegates to the General Conference as there are Ministerial Delegates from the Annual Conference. A Lay Electoral Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates. These elections shall be by ballot.

§ 5. Lay members twenty-five years of age, or over, holding membership in Pastoral Charges within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference, and having been lay members of the Church five years next preceding, shall be eligible to election to the General Conference. Delegates-elect who cease to be members of the Church within the bounds of the Lay Electoral Conference by which they were elected shall not be entitled to seats in the General Conference.

ARTICLE IV. *Credentials*

¶ 40. The Secretaries of the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences shall furnish certificates of election to the Delegates severally, and send a certificate of such election to the Secretary of the preceding General Conference immediately after the adjournment of said Annual or Lay Electoral Conference.

ARTICLE V. *Sessions*

¶ 41, § 1. The General Conference shall meet at 10 o'clock on the morning of the first secular day in the month of May, in every fourth year from the

date of the first Delegated General Conference—namely, the year of our Lord 1812—and at such place in the United States of America as shall have been determined by the preceding General Conference, or by a Commission to be appointed quadrennially by the General Conference, and acting under its authority; which Commission shall have power also in case of emergency to change the place for the meeting of the General Conference, a majority of the General Superintendents concurring in such change.

§ 2. The General Superintendents, or a majority of them, by and with the advice of two thirds of all the Annual Conferences, shall have the power to call an extra session of the General Conference at any time, constituted in the usual way; such session to be held at such time and place as a majority of the General Superintendents, and also of the above Commission, shall designate.

§ 3. In case of a great emergency two thirds of the General Superintendents may call special sessions of the Annual Conferences, at such time and place as they may think wise, to determine the question of an extra session of the General Conference, or to elect Delegates thereto. They may also in such cases call extra sessions of the Lay Electoral Conferences for the purpose of electing Lay Delegates to the General Conference.

ARTICLE VI. *Presiding Officers*

¶ 42, § 1. The General Conference shall elect by ballot from among the Traveling Elders as many General Superintendents as it may deem necessary.

§ 2. The General Superintendents shall preside in

the General Conference in such order as they may determine; but if no General Superintendent be present, the General Conference shall elect one of its members to preside *pro tempore*.

§ 3. The presiding officer of the General Conference shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the General Conference; but questions of law shall be decided by the General Conference.

ARTICLE VII. *Organization*

¶ 43. When the time for opening the General Conference arrives the presiding officer shall take the chair, and direct the Secretary of the preceding General Conference, or in his absence one of his assistants, to call the roll of the Delegates-elect. Those who have been duly returned shall be recognized as members, their certificates of election being *prima facie* evidence of their right to membership; provided, however, that in case of a challenge of any person thus enrolled, such challenge being signed by at least six Delegates from the territory of as many different Annual Conferences, three such Delegates being Ministers and three Laymen, the person so challenged shall not participate in the proceedings of the General Conference, except to speak on his own case, until the question of his right shall have been decided. The General Conference shall be the judge of the election, returns, and qualifications of its own members.

ARTICLE VIII. *Quorum*

¶ 44. When the General Conference is in session it shall require the presence of two thirds of the

whole number of Delegates to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a less number may take a recess or adjourn from day to day in order to secure a quorum, and at the final session may approve the Journal, order the record of the roll call, and adjourn *sine die*.

ARTICLE IX. *Voting*

¶ 45. The Ministerial and Lay Delegates shall deliberate together as one body. They shall also vote together as one body with the following exception: A separate vote shall be taken on any question when requested by one third of either order of Delegates present and voting. In all cases of separate voting it shall require the concurrence of the two orders to adopt the proposed measure; except that for changes of the Constitution a vote of two thirds of the General Conference shall be sufficient, as provided in Article XI.

ARTICLE X. *Powers and Restrictions*

¶ 46. The General Conference shall have full power to make rules and regulations for the Church under the following limitations and restrictions, namely:

§ 1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, nor change our Articles of Religion, nor establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

§ 2. The General Conference shall not organize nor authorize the organization of an Annual Conference with less than twenty-five members.

§ 3. The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do

away Episcopacy, nor destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency; but may elect a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our foreign Missions, limiting his Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively.

§ 4. The General Conference shall not revoke nor change the General Rules of our Church.

§ 5. The General Conference shall not deprive our Ministers of the right of trial by the Annual Conference, or by a select number thereof, nor of an appeal; nor shall it deprive our members of the right of trial by a committee of members of our Church, nor of an appeal.

§ 6. The General Conference shall not appropriate the produce of the Book Concern, nor of the Chartered Fund, to any purpose other than for the benefit of the Traveling, Supernumerary, and Superannuated¹ Preachers, their wives, widows, and children.

ARTICLE XI. *Amendments*

¶ 47. The concurrent recommendation of two thirds of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, and of two thirds of all the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences present and voting, shall suffice to authorize the next ensuing General Conference by a two thirds vote to alter or amend any of the provisions of this Constitution excepting Article X, § 1; and also, whenever such alteration or amendment shall have been first recommended by a General Conference by a two thirds vote, then so soon as two thirds of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present

¹ Elsewhere designated as "Retired" Ministers.

and voting, and two thirds of all the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences present and voting, shall have concurred therein, such alteration or amendment shall take effect; and the result of the vote shall be announced by the General Superintendents.

END OF THE CONSTITUTION

LEGISLATION

PART I
THE CHURCH

- I. MEMBERSHIP**
- II. SPECIAL ADVICES**
- III. WORSHIP**

CHAPTER I

MEMBERSHIP

I. Admission into the Church

¶ 48, § 1. In order that the doors of the Church may not be closed to any person seeking to be saved from his sins, and yet the Church be properly safeguarded against the hasty admission of any unworthy person; and in order that all those who have not had previous instruction in the doctrines of the Church may have the advantages of its means of grace, the ritual shall provide two forms for the reception of members.

§ 2. Preparatory Membership.¹ All persons expressing a desire to lead a godly life may be received into preparatory membership according to the form in the ritual, ¶ 526, in which preparatory membership they shall be given instruction by the Pastor, or properly appointed leaders, in the principles of the Christian life, as well as in the rules and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Such members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Church, but may not become members of the Quarterly Conference, nor take part in judicial proceedings except as witnesses.

¹ The probationary relation is required as a condition precedent to reception into Full Membership. The period of probation is no longer of definite length, but the probationary (preparatory) membership is imperative.—Ruling of the Bishops, approved 1912.

§ 3. Full Membership. All baptized members under instruction giving satisfactory evidence of the correctness of their faith and of their knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall upon recommendation of the Official Board or the Board of Stewards and the approval of the Pastor be received into full membership, according to the forms in the ritual, ¶¶ 527, 528.

§ 4. A member in good standing in any orthodox evangelical Church who desires to unite with us may be received into full membership upon giving satisfactory answers to the usual inquiries.

§ 5. An accurate record of membership, including all changes of relation in the same, shall be kept; each entry shall bear its proper date, and the Pastor shall report all such changes in membership at each Quarterly Conference. Every Pastor shall keep, in connection with the Church records, a constituency roll, containing the names and addresses of all persons related to the membership of his Church and Sunday School, either by kinship or preference.

II. Baptized Children and the Church

¶ 49. We hold that all children, by virtue of the unconditional benefits of the atonement, are members of the Kingdom of God, and therefore graciously entitled to Baptism; but, as infant Baptism contemplates a course of religious instruction and discipline, it is expected of all parents or guardians who present their children for Baptism that they will use all diligence in bringing them up in conformity to the Word of God; and they should be

solemnly admonished of this obligation and earnestly exhorted to faithfulness therein.

¶ 50. We regard all children who have been baptized as placed in visible covenant relation to God and as preparatory members under the special care and supervision of the Church.

¶ 51. The Pastor shall make an accurate register of the names of all the baptized children within his pastoral care, giving the dates of their birth and baptism, the names of their parents, and the places of their residence. He shall also enroll their names as preparatory members,¹ and should they remove, he shall issue Certificates of Registration to the Pastor of the Charge within whose bounds they have moved.

¶ 52. The Pastor shall organize the baptized children of the Church when they shall have reached the age of ten years, or at an earlier age when it is deemed advisable, into classes or Junior Epworth League Chapters, and appoint suitable leaders, whose duty it shall be to meet them once a week and instruct them in the nature, design, and obligations of Baptism, and in the truths of religion necessary to make them "wise unto salvation"; to urge them to give regular attendance upon the means of grace; to advise, exhort, and encourage them to an immediate consecration of their hearts and lives to God, and to inquire into the state of their religious experience; provided, that unbaptized children shall not be excluded from such classes or Junior Epworth League Chapters.

¶ 53. Whenever baptized children shall understand the obligations of religion and shall give evi-

¹ See ¶ 90, § 8.

dence of piety, they may be admitted into membership in the Church, on recommendation of the Official Board or the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, with the approval of the Pastor, after publicly assenting before the Church to the Baptismal Covenant and to the usual questions on Doctrines and Discipline, as prescribed in the Ritual.

¶ 54. Whenever a baptized child shall be deprived of Christian guardianship, by orphanage or otherwise, the Pastor shall ascertain and report the facts in the case to the Official Board or to the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting; and such provision shall be made for the Christian training of the child as the circumstances of the case shall admit or require.

III. Transfer of Membership

¶ 55, § 1. An acceptable member of the Church desiring to remove his membership from one Pastoral Charge to another is entitled to be transferred as follows: The Pastor, or, if there be no Pastor, the District Superintendent, shall send to the Pastor of the Charge to which the member is to be transferred a Certificate in the following form:

"This is to certify that A. B., who holds a notice of this letter, is an acceptable Member of the..... Methodist Episcopal Church in.....and, having requested that his membership be transferred to the.....Methodist Episcopal Church inis affectionately commended to the fellowship of said Church. When the Church to which this Certificate of Transfer is issued acknowledges the receipt of the same and his enrollment, his membership in this Church shall cease."

§ 2. Notice of this transfer shall be given to the member in accordance with the following form:

"At your request I this day have sent a Certificate of Transfer of your membership to the..... Methodist Episcopal Church in..... When said Certificate is acknowledged and your name is recorded in the records of said Church, your membership in this Church will cease."

§ 3. The original Certificate shall be accompanied by a blank for the acknowledgment of the same, in accordance with the following form:

"The Certificate of Transfer of the membership of A. B. from the..... Methodist Episcopal Church in..... to the..... Methodist Episcopal Church in..... is hereby acknowledged. has been duly received as a Member of this Church and thereby ceases to be a Member of the Church which issued the Certificate.

.....Pastor."

§ 4. A complete record of each transfer shall be kept on the stub in the Certificate book in the following form:

*Name of member requesting transfer.....
Charge to which the Certificate is issued.....
Date on which Certificate is issued.....
Date of acknowledgment of Certificate and actual transfer of membership.....
Name of Pastor or District Superintendent issuing Certificate
Name of Pastor or District Superintendent acknowledging Certificate*

§ 5. When a Pastor shall have received a member

on said Certificate, he shall notify the Pastor of the Church from which it was issued on the blank form which accompanies Certificate, as provided in § 3.

§ 6. Whenever a Pastor is appointed to another Charge he may complete the record of his pastorate by entering in the Church Record opposite the names of the members of his family who are Church members: "*Member of Pastor's family, transferred to.....*"; and enter the names on the Record of his new Charge with the note: "*Member of Pastor's family, transferred from.....*"

¶ 56, § 1. A Certificate of Membership shall not be refused, if demanded by a member removing his residence to another charge, except for reasons that justify judicial proceedings against such member. A Certificate of Transfer shall not be given unless an actual change in the place of holding membership is intended.

§ 2. A Pastor may give a note of recommendation to any member who wishes to unite with any other Evangelical Denomination.

IV. Affiliated Members

¶ 57. When any of our young people, who are Church members, are absent from home attending school, they may, upon application, be enrolled as affiliated members in the Methodist Episcopal Church where the school is located, and by such membership shall be entitled to the proper privileges of such Church and to its pastoral oversight, and to engage in its active service, but they shall be counted and reported only in the membership of their home Churches.

V. Nonresident-Inactive Membership

¶ 58. Whenever the Pastor, or Committee on Church Records shall ascertain that a member has resided in another community for at least one year, and manifests no interest in maintaining his membership, whether his address be known or unknown, such member shall be recorded as inactive. If any member without sufficient reason, and for two consecutive years shall habitually (a) absent himself from the public means of grace, and (b) fail to contribute to the support of the gospel and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church, the name of such member, after earnest but ineffectual effort has been made by the Pastor, or a committee of the Official Board, or the Quarterly Conference to arouse the member to the observance of his vows, may, by action of the Quarterly Conference, be recorded as inactive. Any inactive member shall not be counted in the returns of full membership, but shall be reported in a separate column in the statistics. If the residence of such member cannot be ascertained for a total period of three years he shall no longer be counted in the statistical returns, and the Pastor shall write after his name, "Removed Without Certificate."

VI. Withdrawals

¶ 59, § 1. When any member in good standing proposes to withdraw from the Methodist Episcopal Church he shall communicate his purpose in writing to the Pastor of the Church. On receiving such notice of withdrawal, the Pastor shall enter the fact of withdrawal upon the record of Church Member-

ship; and such withdrawal cannot be retracted except by consent of the Pastor and the Quarterly Conference.

§ 2. Membership in the Church can be terminated only by the withdrawal, expulsion, or death of a member. A member of the Church who has united with another denomination without a Note of Recommendation shall be recorded as "Withdrawn."

VII. Classes and Class Meetings and Units for Prayer and Service

¶ 60. The design of the organization of Classes or Units for prayer and service and the appointment of Leaders is:

§ 1. To establish a system of pastoral oversight that shall effectively reach every member and constituent of the Church with the entire program of the Church—spiritual, evangelistic, social, educational, and financial.

§ 2. To encourage and support such meetings for social and religious worship and for instruction in Church plans and activities as shall be a profitable means of grace to the Church, and a means of developing intelligent loyalty to all Church enterprises.

¶ 61, § 1. The primary object of distributing the members of the Church into Classes or Units, in addition to securing the subpastoral oversight made necessary by our itinerant economy, is to enroll every member in definite prayer and service in furthering the constructive program of the Church.

§ 2. Let the Classes or Units, wherever practicable, be composed of about twenty members of the Church

with such constituents as naturally belong in the Class or Unit, and let the Class Leader or Unit Leader report at each Quarterly Conference the condition of his Class or Unit as follows:

1. Number of members in the Class or Unit.
2. Number of preparatory members.
3. Numbers of constituents.
4. Number of Class or Unit Meetings held.
5. Average attendance.
6. Number who contribute to the support of the Church.
7. Number of Church papers taken.
8. Number of calls made by Leader and assistants.
9. Number of families in the Class or Unit, and the number who observe family worship.
10. Number enrolled in Study Classes.
11. Number of tithing Stewards.
12. Miscellaneous matters.

§ 3. Let each Leader be careful to inquire how every member of his Class or Unit prospers; not only how each person outwardly cooperates in the work of the Church, but also how he grows in the knowledge and love of God.

§ 4. Let the Leaders converse with their Pastor frequently and freely.

¶ 62. In the arrangement of Class or Unit meetings two or more Classes or Units may meet together and be conducted according to such plan as shall be agreed upon by the Leaders in counsel with the Pastor.

¶ 63, § 1. In order to render the work of the Classes or Units interesting and profitable, let the

Pastor remove improper Leaders and see that all the Leaders are of sound judgment and truly devoted to God. Leaders shall be appointed for one year subject to reappointment as the interests of the Class or Unit may require.

§ 2. A Class Leader or a Unit Leader shall not be approved as a member of the Quarterly Conference on the basis of such leadership unless actually leading a Class or Unit.

¶ 64. Let the Leaders be directed to such a course of reading and study as best shall qualify them for their work. Especially let such books be recommended as will tend to increase their knowledge of the Scriptures and make them familiar with those passages best adapted to spiritual instruction. In addition let such books and periodicals be recommended as will acquaint them with all phases of Church activity. Whenever practicable let the Pastors examine the Leaders in the studies recommended.¹

CHAPTER II

SPECIAL ADVICES

I. Slavery

¶ 65. We declare that we are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of Slavery. We believe that the buying, selling, or holding of human beings

¹For the Course of Study for Leaders, see Appendix, ¶624.

as chattels is contrary to the laws of God and nature, and inconsistent with the Golden Rule, and with that Rule in our Discipline which requires all who desire to continue among us to "do no harm," and to "avoid evil of every kind." We therefore affectionately admonish all our Ministers and people to keep themselves pure from this great evil, and to seek its extirpation by all lawful and Christian means.

II. Dress

¶ 66. Let all our people be exhorted to conform to the spirit of the apostolic precept, not to adorn themselves "with gold, or pearls, or costly array" (1 Tim. 2. 9).

III. Marriage

¶ 67, § 1. We do not prohibit our people from marrying persons who are not of our Church, provided such persons have the form, and are seeking the power, of godliness; but we are determined to discourage their marrying persons who do not come up to this description. Many of our members have married unawakened persons. This has produced bad effects; they either have been hindered for life, or have turned back to perdition.

§ 2. To discourage such marriages, 1. Let every Minister publicly enforce the Apostle's caution, "Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6. 14). 2. Let all be exhorted to take no step in so weighty a matter without advising with the more serious of their brethren.

§ 3. In general, a woman ought not to marry without the consent of her parents. Yet there may be exceptions. For if, 1. A woman believes it to be her duty to marry; if, 2. Her parents absolutely refuse to let her marry any Christian; then she may, nay, ought to marry without their consent. Yet even then a Methodist Minister ought not to be married to her.

IV. Divorce

¶ 68. No divorce, except for adultery, shall be regarded by the Church as lawful; and no Minister shall solemnize marriage in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband living; but this rule shall not be applied to the innocent party to a divorce for the cause of adultery, nor to divorced parties seeking to be reunited in marriage.¹

V. Amusements

¶ 69, § 1. Improper amusements and excessive indulgence in innocent amusements are serious barriers to the beginning of religious life and fruitful causes of spiritual decline. Some amusements in common use are positively demoralizing and furnish the first easy steps to the total loss of character. We therefore look with deep concern on the great increase of amusements and on the general prevalence of harmful amusements, and lift up a solemn note of warning and entreaty, particularly against at-

¹The provisions of this paragraph are not merely advisory, but mandatory, see ¶ 264, § 1.

tendance upon immoral, questionable and misleading theatrical or motion picture performances; against dancing; and against such games of chance as are frequently associated with gambling; all of which have been found to be antagonistic to vital piety, promotive of worldliness, and especially pernicious to youth. We affectionately admonish all our people to make their amusements the subject of careful thought and frequent prayer, to study the subject of amusements in the light of their tendencies, and to be scrupulously careful in this matter to set no injurious example. We adjure them to remember that often the question for a Christian must be, not whether a certain course of action is positively immoral, but whether it will dull the spiritual life and be an unwise example.

§ 2. We instruct our Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals to lead the church in a campaign of education which shall reveal to our people, both young and old, the dangers lurking in the amusements against which we warn. We instruct the above-named Board to produce and disseminate from time to time such scientifically prepared literature as shall awaken our people to the individual and social consequences of improper and excessive amusements. We direct all our Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors to call attention to this subject with solemn urgency in our Annual and Quarterly Conferences and in all our pulpits, and our Editors, Sunday-School Officers, Epworth League Officers and Class Leaders, to aid in abating the evils we deplore. We deem it our bounden duty to summon the whole Church to apply a thoughtful and instructed conscience to the choice

of amusements, and not to leave them to accident, or taste, or passion; and we affectionately advise and beseech every member of the Church absolutely to avoid "the taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

§ 3. While we are aware that improper amusements are a "fruitful source of spiritual decline," we also believe that the social and recreational instinct is God-given and, if properly guided, will strengthen rather than injure the spiritual life. The Church must no longer allow her youth to "go into nearby villages and buy themselves the victuals of social life," but, rather, should say, "Sit down and eat" of the clean, wholesome things provided by the Church, which seeks to build a social and recreational life that is spiritual and a spiritual life that is social and recreational.

We commend, therefore, the successful work done in the Epworth League Institutes and the social and recreational activities conducted by the Sunday School as pointing toward a sane solution of the whole question of recreation and amusement for our young people, and we earnestly urge our pastors and churches everywhere to plan wisely and diligently for the social and recreational life of the youth of the Church. We plead for the recognition of all indoor and outdoor games and sports that are innocent, clean, and wholesome, that they may be utilized to the highest possible degree in gripping not only the social life of our young people, but their moral and spiritual life as well. We advise that whenever possible our Churches be provided with such space and equipment as, under properly chosen and directed leaders, will build up the finest type of social

life, that wide-open doors and wide-open hearts may find the way to foster a social conscience that will satisfy and yet always lead upward, as we thus seriously and prayerfully seek to provide for all our people, young and old, "such diversions as can be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

VI. Temperance

¶ 70, § 1. Temperance, in its broader meaning, is distinctively a Christian virtue, enjoined in the Holy Scriptures. It requires the subordination of all the emotions, passions, and appetites to the control of reason and conscience. Dietetically, it means a wise use of suitable articles of food and drink, with entire abstinence from such as are known to be hurtful. Both science and human experience agree with the Holy Scriptures in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe. The business of manufacturing and of vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy, and the public welfare. We therefore regard voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the obligation of the citizen and the complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government. We heartily approve all lawful and Christian efforts to save society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance, and earnestly advise our people to cooperate with all measures which may seem to them wisely adapted to secure that end. We refer to our General Rule on this subject (¶ 30), and affectionately urge its strict observance by all our members. Finally, we are fully persuaded that, under God, hope for the

ultimate success of the Temperance Reform rests chiefly upon the combined and sanctified influence of the Family, the Church, and the State.

§ 2. We record our solemn judgment that the habitual use of tobacco is a practice out of harmony with the best Christian life. In the interest of a larger Christian influence and service we urge our members to abstain from the use of cigarettes and of tobacco in all other forms.

VII. Christian Stewardship

¶ 71, § 1. Life is a stewardship; this is the teaching of Jesus Christ. Fundamentally, this teaching throughout the Scriptures is based on God's ownership, both by creation and redemption. Thus, stewardship becomes the Christian interpretation of life itself and is concerned with the Christian's use of all the resources committed to him, of possessions, of personality, of prayer.

§ 2. The following principles of stewardship should be recognized by the individual Christians:

A. *Of Possessions*

(1) God is the Sovereign Owner of all things.

(2) God invites men to subdue the earth and possess it.

(3) Man is a Steward, to acquire and administer his possessions as a sacred trust.

(4) God's sovereign ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged.

(5) This acknowledgment requires as its material expression the setting apart, as an act of worship, of a separated portion of income.

(6) Biblical history records the setting apart of the tenth of income as that acknowledgment, and indicates a divine sanction for the practice and the amount.

(7) The separated portion ought systematically to be administered for the kingdom of God, and the balance of income treated as no less a trust.

B. Of Personality

(1) God is the Supreme Person in a world of persons.

(2) God invites every person to become a partaker of the divine nature.

(3) Man has nothing which he did not receive; he is therefore a steward of every worthy element of personality by him possessed. .

(4) This stewardship is acknowledged by worship and the giving of thanks.

(5) It is administered by rendering personal human service.

(6) The stewardship of personality is best administered by setting apart a definite portion of time for Christian service, and by undertaking definite tasks of human helpfulness.

C. Of Prayer

(1) All authority has been given unto Jesus Christ.

(2) Jesus Christ invites his friends to ask anything in his name and it shall be done.

(3) Christian prayer is therefore a stewardship of authority intrusted by Jesus to his friends.

(4) This stewardship is acknowledged when the friendship of Jesus is accepted.

(5) It is administered by asking intelligently according to the will of God.

(6) The stewardship of prayer is best administered by setting apart a definite portion of time for prayer, and by observing a thoughtful program of prayer as one who would know what his Lord doeth.

§ 3. The following methods should be pursued by the individual Christian who would administer wisely his stewardship of material possessions:

(1) Upon receipt of income, the portion intended as the acknowledgment of God's ownership should first be separated in compliance with the foregoing principles.

(2) In the administration of the separated portion, the division should be in harmony with the needs of the budgets of the local Church.

(3) Weekly payments, as far as possible, should be offered as an act of worship at the public service.

(4) There should be careful, intelligent, personal, and prayerful consideration of the uses to be made of the remainder of income and wealth; this will require study of the local, national, and worldwide program of the Church, and of the full responsibilities of life itself.

CHAPTER III

WORSHIP

I. Order of Public Worship

¶ 72, § 1. Let all services begin exactly at the time appointed, and let the people kneel in silent prayer on entering the sanctuary.

I. [VOLUNTARY, instrumental or vocal.]¹

II. SINGING from the METHODIST HYMNAL, the People standing.

III. [THE APOSTLES' CREED, recited by all, standing.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic² Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.]

IV. PRAYER, concluding with the LORD'S PRAYER, repeated audibly by all, both Minister and People kneeling.

V. [ANTHEM, or VOLUNTARY.]

VI. LESSON from the OLD TESTAMENT, which may be read responsively, the People standing.

VII. [The GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.]

VIII. LESSON from the NEW TESTAMENT.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

X. WORSHIP in the presentation of tithes and offerings; during or after which an Offertory may be rendered.

XI. SINGING from the METHODIST HYMNAL, the People standing.

XII. The SERMON.

XIII. PRAYER, the People kneeling.

¹ Parts inclosed in brackets may be used or omitted.

² The one universal Church of Christ.

XIV. SINGING from the METHODIST HYMNAL, the People standing.

XV. DOXOLOGY and the APOSTOLIC BENEDECTION. (2 Cor. 13. 14.)

§ 2. At the service during which the Sacraments are administered any of the items of the preceding order may be omitted except singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

§ 3. Let the people be earnestly exhorted to take part in the public worship of God; first, by singing; second, by prayer, in the scriptural attitude of kneeling, and by the repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

II. The Spirit and Truth of Singing

¶ 73. To guard against formality in singing:

§ 1. Choose such hymns as are proper for the occasion, and do not sing too much at once; seldom more than four or five stanzas.

§ 2. Let the tune be suited to the sentiment, and do not suffer the people to sing too slowly.

§ 3. In every Congregation let due attention be given to the cultivation of sacred music.

§ 4. Should the Pastor desire it, let the Quarterly Conference appoint annually a Committee of three or more of which the Pastor shall be chairman, which, cooperating with him, shall regulate all matters relating to this part of divine worship. The action of said Committee shall be subject in every respect to the control of the Quarterly Conference.

§ 5. As singing is a part of divine worship in which all ought to unite, therefore exhort every person in the Congregation to sing.

PART II
THE CONFERENCES

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CHAPTER I

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Composition, Organization, Powers, and Restrictions of the General Conference are set forth in the CONSTITUTION of the Church, Division III, Chapter II, ¶¶ 37-47.

CHAPTER II

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

I. Number and Organization

¶ 74, § 1. There are now one hundred and thirty-three Annual Conferences, and these shall become severally bodies corporate, wherever practicable, under the authority of the laws of the Countries, States, and Territories within whose bounds they are located.

§ 2. For the purpose of representation on the Book Committee, the Administrative Boards, and Committees in the General Conference the Annual Conferences shall be grouped into as many Episcopal areas as the General Conference from time to time shall determine. For the present grouping, see Appendix, ¶ 575.

¶ 75. All Members of an Annual Conference and those on Trial therein shall attend its sessions.

¶ 76. The Bishops shall appoint the times for holding the Annual Conferences; but they shall allow each Annual Conference to sit one week at least.

¶ 77. Each Annual Conference shall appoint the place of its own session; but should it become necessary, from any unforeseen cause, to change the place of its session after it has been fixed by the Conference, the Pastor or Pastors in the place where the Conference was appointed to be held, and the District Superintendent, shall have power to make such change. But this authority shall not be exercised without first consulting the other District Superintendents of the Conference so far as practicable.

¶ 78. A Bishop shall preside in the Annual Conference. In case no Bishop is present, a member of the Conference, appointed by the Bishop, shall preside. But if no appointment be made, or if the person appointed shall not attend, the Conference shall elect by ballot, without debate, a President from among the Elders.

¶ 79. A record of the proceedings of each Annual Conference shall be kept by a Secretary chosen for the purpose, and shall be signed by the President and Secretary; and a copy of said record shall be sent to the General Conference for examination. Journals not properly attested cannot be approved by the General Conference.¹

II. Order of Business

¶ 80. The business of the Annual Conference is to inquire:

¹ See Appendix, ¶ 567.

§ 1. (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated according to the requirement of the Discipline?

(b) What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc., are bonded, and in what amounts, according to the requirement of the Discipline?

§ 2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

§ 3. Who have been Readmitted?

NOTE.—Enter date of Location and the Conference which granted it.

§ 4. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

§ 5. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.

(b) In studies of Third Year under Seminary Rule. ¶ 176, § 2. Note § 12 (c).

§ 6. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) In studies of First Year.

(b) In studies of Second Year.

(c) In studies of Third Year.

(d) In studies of Fourth Year.

Note carefully ¶ 617, § 5.

§ 7. Who have been Discontinued?

§ 8. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously.

(c) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.

(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by ——— Conference.

§ 9. What Members are in studies of Third Year?

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

§ 10. What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?

§ 11. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) Elected and ordained Elders this year.

(b) Elected and ordained Elders previously.

(c) Elected and ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule. ¶ 179, § 4.

(d) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.

(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously elected by ——— Conference.

(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our election.

Note carefully ¶ 169, §3.

§ 12. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers. ¶ 176, § 1.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. ¶ 176, § 4.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule. ¶ 176, § 2.

(d) Elected by this Conference and ordained elsewhere.

§ 13. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons. ¶ 179, § 1.

(b) Under Missionary Rule. ¶ 179, § 5.

(c) Elected by this Conference and ordained elsewhere.

§ 14. Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our schools?

§ 15. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

§ 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

§ 17. Who have Died?

§ 18. Who have been Located at their own request?

¶ 169, § 1.

§ 19. Who have been Located? ¶¶ 169, § 3; 187.

§ 20. Who have Withdrawn?

(a) From the Ministry.

(b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.

(c) By surrender of the Ministerial Office.

¶ 170.

§ 21. Who have been deprived of the Ministerial office? ¶ 171.

§ 22. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

§ 23. Who have been Expelled?

§ 24. What other Personal Notation should be made?

NOTE.—Enter the names of (1) Those whose Orders have been recognized without admission to the Annual Conference. (2) Those whose Credentials have been restored. (3) Those formerly expelled, but now restored by the action of a Judicial Conference or of the General Conference. Indicate class by use of numeral (1), (2), or (3), as above.

§ 25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? ¶ 187.

§ 26. Who are the Retired Ministers? ¶ 188.

§ 27. Who have been granted leave of absence? ¶ 186.

§ 28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

§ 29. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?

§ 30. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?

§ 31. What is the Statistical Report?

§ 32. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?

§ 33. (a) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

(b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

§ 34. What are the claims on the Conference Funds?

For annuity distribution.....years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$..... per year, \$.....

For necessitous distribution, - - \$.....

Total, - - - - - \$.....

§ 35. (a) What has been received on these claims?

From The Book Concern, - - - \$.....

From the Chartered Fund, - - - \$.....

From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$.....

From Annual Conference Investments, \$.....

From Pastoral Charges, - - - \$.....

From Other Sources, - - - \$.....

Total, - - - - - \$.....

(b) How has it been applied?

§ 36. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? ¶ 337.

§ 37. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief for Connectional Relief? - - - \$.....

§ 38. Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its Report? (See ¶ 324.)

§ 39. Where are the Preachers stationed?

§ 40. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

III. Powers and Duties

¶ 81, § 1. Each Annual Conference shall elect a Committee on Conference Relations. The Conference shall arrange, as far as practicable, to constitute the committee in classes to serve three years each.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine all applicants for reception on trial as to their age, health, education, relation in life, and it shall secure in its permanent record from each applicant his written answers to the following questions; and in the form herein prescribed: (1) Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in the work of the Ministry? Answer: No. (2) Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco? Answer: Yes.

§ 3. All candidates for admission to Full Membership shall appear before this committee and be examined as in the case of reception on trial.

§ 4. No member of the Conference shall have his relation changed until he has had opportunity to have his case presented to this committee, in person or by a representative.

§ 5. Any case involving ordination or recognition of orders may be referred to this committee by the Annual Conference.

§ 6. This committee shall make a recommendation to the Conference in each case, unless the application be withdrawn.

§ 7. In Conferences so large as to make it necessary, a Committee on Ministerial Qualifications may be elected to which may be referred sections two and three.

¶ 82. An Annual Conference has power to hear complaints against its members, and may try, re-

prove, suspend, deprive of Ministerial Office and Credentials, expel or acquit any against whom charges may have been preferred. ¶¶ 252-269.

¶ 83. The Election and, so far as it is practicable, the Ordination of Elders and Deacons shall be at the Annual Conference. ¶¶ 174-181.

¶ 84. Each Annual Conference shall appoint annually for each District, a District Board of Church Location and Erection, whose powers and duties are defined in ¶ 448.

¶ 85. Each Annual Conference shall carefully meet the obligations laid upon it in connection with all our benevolent causes.

¶ 86. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Committee on Periodicals, Publications, and Collections, whose powers and duties are defined in ¶ 392, § 1.

¶ 87. In each Annual Conference, the Bishop presiding shall inquire of each Pastor if he has carried out the Disciplinary plan for the support of the ministry and the benevolent causes; and of each District Superintendent, if he has required the pro rata distribution of the moneys received for Ministerial Support and has urged in the Quarterly Conferences the collection in full for all the benevolent causes.

IV. Statistician and Treasurer

¶ 88. That the Statistics may be accurately reported and the Benevolent Collections duly accounted for, let the following rules be observed:

§ 1. Each Annual Conference shall appoint a Statistician and a Conference Treasurer one year in advance of the Conference session at which they shall

begin to serve. Their names and addresses shall be printed at the head of its Statistical Tables in the General Minutes and also in the Methodist Year Book in the year of service.

§ 2. On the first day of the Conference session each Pastor shall present his Statistical and Financial Reports, correctly and plainly written, all collections and other moneys being reported in dollars only, without fractions thereof. Provided, however, that an Annual Conference may direct that the fiscal year of the Conference shall close not less than ten days before the time set for the annual meeting of the Conference, and require the Pastors to send to the Conference Treasurer and Statistician their financial and Statistical Reports so that the aforesaid Conference Officers with their respective staffs may tabulate the reports and have them ready for the first day's session of the Conference.

§ 3. An Annual Conference may allow a Pastor to present a separate report for each Church or Society in his Pastoral Charge.

§ 4. In connection with this report of the amount collected for each benevolent cause, the Pastor shall deliver to the Conference Treasurer either the money thus collected or a satisfactory voucher for the same; and the credit given to his Pastoral Charge shall correspond exactly with the money and vouchers thus delivered.

§ 5. At the opening of the second day's session the Bishop presiding shall call upon the Statistician and the Conference Treasurer respectively to read the names of all Pastoral Charges from which reports have not been received, or from which incorrect or defective reports have been received. This call shall

be made at the beginning of each day's session until correct reports have been received from every Pastoral Charge.

§ 6. In case any Pastoral Charge fail to make a report the Statistician shall insert the report for the preceding year and shall indicate this fact by placing the figures in brackets.

§ 7. When the name of a Pastoral Charge has been changed the Statistician and Conference Treasurer shall print the former name in parenthesis under the present name.

§ 8. The Conference Treasurer shall receive and account for such other moneys, additional to the regular benevolent collections, as the Conference may direct; and an Auditing Committee, appointed by the Conference, shall audit his accounts.

§ 9. When the provisions of §§ 2 and 4 shall have been complied with the Conference Treasurer shall return the "Conference Treasurer's Report" to the Pastor, with the word "Credited" either written or stamped over the Treasurer's signature, as a voucher to be delivered by the Pastor to the Quarterly Conference of the contributing charge.

¶ 89, § 1. The Publishing Agents shall provide: (1) Statistical Blanks for the Pastor and Statistician; (2) Treasurer's Blanks for the Pastor and Conference Treasurer, together with suitable envelopes; (3) Blanks for the Accounts of the Statistician and the Conference Treasurer.

§ 2. All blanks and forms for report and record in the Annual and Quarterly Conferences shall be prepared by the World Service Commission and shall be in as simple form as possible.

§ 3. Application for blanks for distribution among

the Pastors and for the Statistician's and Conference Treasurer's Accounts should be made to The Methodist Book Concern, New York, by the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences. Orders for the *Spring Conferences* should be made by October first, and will be filled by December first. Orders for the *Fall Conferences* should be made by March first and will be filled by June first. Applications should state the name of the Annual Conference, the number of Districts, the number of Pastoral Charges, and how many Districts have more than sixty Pastoral Charges.

¶ 90, § 1. The Statistical Report of the Pastor to the Annual Conference shall be presented according to the form prescribed in ¶ 91.

§ 2. The several Annual Conferences shall publish both the Statistical Report (except the "Church Schools' Statistics," which are prepared for the use of the Department of Church Schools of the Board of Education) and the Conference Treasurer's Report.

§ 3. The Statisticians and Treasurers of the Conferences and Missions shall forward their Reports to the Publishing Agent at New York as soon after adjournment as practicable. The Statisticians also shall send the "Church Schools' Statistics" to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education at Chicago.

§ 4. The amount raised for "Ministerial Support" shall include the several sums raised for the support of the Pastor, the support of Conference Claimants, the support of the District Superintendent, and the support of the Bishops; also house rent paid for the Pastor; or in case the Pastor occupies a parsonage, a sum equal to a fair rental value of the parsonage.

Missionary appropriations should not be included. If desired, separate columns may be used for House Rent and for Traveling Expenses.

§ 5. In making his statistical report to the Annual Conference the Pastor shall indicate the amount paid to the District Superintendent from his Charge, and shall inclose the cash, or a proper voucher.

§ 6. Nonresident-Inactive Members shall not be reckoned in making apportionments. ¶ 58.

§ 7. Sums paid to ministerial support from missionary appropriations to the charge, and World Service payments not credited on apportionment shall be excluded in the reckonings upon which benevolence apportionments are based.

§ 8. "Baptized Children" shall not be counted as "Preparatory Members" in making reports of membership.

¶ 91. The Statistical Report shall be in the following form:

§ 1. Statistical Report

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Support of Pastor

Total Claim, including House Rent.

Total Paid, including House Rent.

Rental Value of Parsonage.

Support of District Superintendent

Total Claim, including House Rent and Traveling Expenses.

Total Receipts,¹ including House Rent and Traveling Expenses.

Cash Salary Paid.

¹ Also in Conference Treasurer's Report, ¶ 92.

Support of Bishops

Total Claim.

Total Paid.¹*Support of Conference of Claimants*

Total Claim.

Total Paid.¹

Total Ministerial Claim Paid.

Total Deficit.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Preparatory Members

Number Received into Preparatory Membership.

Number now on Preparatory Membership Roll.

*Full Members*Number Received from Preparatory Membership or
on Profession of Faith.

Number Received by Transfer.

Number of Full Members now on the Roll, not in-
cluding Nonresident-Inactive Members.

Number of Nonresident-Inactive Members.

Number of Deaths.

Baptisms

Infants Baptized.

Adults Baptized.

Sunday Schools

Number of Schools.

Number of Officers and Teachers.

Total Enrolled in all Departments, including Cradle
Roll, Home Department, Officers and Teachers.

Average Attendance.

¹ Also in Conference Treasurer's Report, ¶ 92.

Epworth League

Senior Members.

Junior Members.

Intermediate Members.

Miscellaneous

Number of Local Preachers.

Number of Subscribers to the Advocates.

Amount Contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Church Property

Number of Churches.

Value of Churches.

Number of Parsonages.

Value of Parsonages.

Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.

Paid for Buildings and Improvements.

Paid on Indebtedness on Property.

Present Indebtedness on Property.

Current Expenses not including Ministerial Support.

§ 2. Sunday School Statistics

See ¶ 90, §§ 2, 3.

1. Number of Sunday Schools.
2. Number of Schools Using Graded Lessons.
3. Number of Officers and Teachers.
4. Number of Teachers Enrolled.

(Please report enrollment in following age groups, whether organized departments or not.)

a. Cradle Roll (under 4 years).

b. Beginners (4-5 years).

c. Primary (6-8 years).

d. Junior (9-11 years).

- e.* Intermediate (12-14 years).
- f.* Senior (15-17 years).
- g.* Young People (18-24 years).
- h.* Adults (25 years and over).
- i.* Home Departments.

- 5. Total Enrollment of Pupils, Officers and Teachers.
- 6. Average Attendance.
- 7. Number of Pupils Who Are Church Members.
- 8. Accessions to the Church from the Sunday School.
- 9. Amount Paid to World Service.
- 10. Amount Paid for Sunday School Supplies.

Epworth League Statistics

- 1. Number of Senior League Chapters.
- 2. Number of Senior League Members.
- 3. Number of Intermediate League Chapters.
- 4. Number of Intermediate League Members.
- 5. Number of Junior League Chapters.
- 6. Number of Junior League Members.
- 7. Number of Epworth Heralds Taken.
- 8. Amount Paid to Central Office.
- 9. Amount Contributed to World Service.

¶ 92. Conference Treasurer's Report

DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES

Ordered by the General Conference

World Service and Apportioned Benevolences.

(a) On Apportionment.

(b) Special Gifts, Annuities, Bequests, etc.

Children's Day Fund.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.
 City Missionary or Church Extension Society.
 Total Disciplinary Benevolences.

BENEVOLENCES

Ordered by the Annual Conference

Educational endowments, buildings, etc.
 Hospitals.

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Total Benevolences ordered by the Annual Conference.

OTHER CASH ITEMS

Annual Conference investments for Conference Claimants.

Support of Epworth League.

Support of District Superintendent.¹

Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund).¹

Support of Conference Claimants.¹

General Conference expenses.

Grand total (including Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences and other cash items).

¹ Also in Statistical Report, ¶ 91, §1.

CHAPTER III

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCES

The Composition, Organization, and Powers of the Lay Electoral Conference are set forth in the Constitution of the Church, Division III, Chapter II, Articles III and IV, ¶¶ 39, 40.

I. Election of Delegates

¶ 93, § 1. The first or third Quarterly Conference of each Charge for the Conference year within which a Lay Electoral Conference is to be convened shall appoint one Judge of Election and two Tellers, who shall constitute the Election Board of the Charge; provided the said Charge be composed of but one Church. The Election Board shall fix the time and place for the holding of an election for one Lay Delegate to the Lay Electoral Conference and one Reserve Lay Delegate in accordance with the provisions of Division III, Article III, of the Constitution of the Church.

§ 2. The Election Board shall see that suitable public notice of the time and place of the election shall be given, public announcement of the same being made at two regular preaching services at least, on different days, within the six weeks immediately preceding the election. It shall take charge of the election, receive and count the ballots, and certify the whole number of votes cast and for whom cast, to the fourth Quarterly Conference, which shall declare

the result and give to the person receiving the highest number of votes for each place a certificate of election, which shall be signed by the District Superintendent and the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference.

§ 3. In every Pastoral Charge which consists of more than one Church or Society, the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Judge of Election and two Tellers for each of such Churches or Societies, and each of such Boards shall proceed as is provided for in the case of the Election Board of a single Church. The Quarterly Conference shall proceed in the same manner as is provided for Pastoral Charges having but one Church or Society.

§ 4. When duly convened for the election, in case of the absence of one or more members of the Election Board, the lay members assembled shall have power to fill vacancies.

§ 5. The Secretary of the fourth Quarterly Conference shall certify the result of the ballot without delay to the Secretary of the preceding Lay Electoral Conference, or to any other person designated by said Conference to prepare the roll of the ensuing Lay Electoral Conference. Said certificate shall contain the names of the Lay Delegate and of the Reserve Lay Delegate elected, the post office of each and the name of the Pastoral Charge.

II. Laymen's Associations

¶ 94, § 1. There may be assembled at the seat of the Annual Conference or elsewhere, a Laymen's Association organized within the bounds of the Conference, composed of Delegates selected from the

Charges in such manner as the Laymen's Association may determine. The purpose of such Association shall be to advance the local and Conference interests of the Church and to enlist all laymen in the general activities of the denomination.

§ 2. There may also be organized a General Laymen's Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which may be assembled at the seat of the General Conference, or elsewhere in the interim of the General Conference sessions, to federate the various Laymen's Associations of the Church.

CHAPTER IV

CENTRAL CONFERENCES

¶ 95, § 1. (1) *Organization.* There shall be such Central Conferences as have been heretofore authorized, or shall be hereafter authorized by the General Conference, or that may develop from authorized Central Mission Conferences as set forth in § 2 (17), with the privileges and powers as hereinafter set forth, provided that a Central Conference shall have at least a total of 20 Ministerial and 20 Lay Delegates on the basis of representation as set forth in Item (2) hereof.

(2) The Central Conferences shall be composed of Ministerial and Lay members in equal numbers, chosen in such manner and with such qualifications as the Central Conference shall itself determine, provided that each Annual Conference, Mission Conference and Mission shall be entitled to at least two

Ministerial and two Lay Delegates, and that no other selection of Delegates shall be authorized which would provide for more than one Ministerial Delegate for every six members of an Annual Conference, Mission Conference or Mission, except that a fraction of two thirds of the ratio fixed by a Central Conference shall entitle an Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission to an additional Ministerial Delegate, and to an additional Lay Delegate.

(3) The first meeting of a Central Conference shall be called by the Bishop or Bishops in charge, at such time and place as he or they may select to which all of the members of the Conferences and Missions concerned shall be invited, and at which a ratio of representation shall be fixed by the Conference, provided that in a Central Conference the ratio of representation shall not be greater than one Ministerial Delegate to every six members, except as set forth in Item (2). The time and place of future meetings shall be determined by the Central Conference.

(4) Each Central Conference shall meet at least once every four years at such time and place as it may determine. The sessions of said Conference shall be presided over by the Bishops in attendance in such order as they may determine. In case no Bishop is present, the Conference shall elect a temporary President from among its own members. The resident Bishops, or a majority of them, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee or other authorized Committee shall have the authority to call an extra session of the Central Conference to be held at the time and place designated by them.

(5) The presiding officer of the Central Confer-

ence shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Central Conference, and he shall decide questions of law subject to an appeal to the General Conference; but questions relating to the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations made by the Central Conference shall be decided by the Central Conference.

§ 2. *Powers.* (1) To a Central Conference shall be committed for supervision, in harmony with the book of *Discipline* and interdenominational contractual agreements, the educational, industrial, publishing, medical and other connectional interests of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within its territory, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions concerned, or by order of the General Conference.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Resident Bishops, it shall have the power to prescribe Courses of Study, including those in the vernaculars, for its ministry, both foreign and indigenous, including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Bible Women, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female, and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay. It shall also make rules and regulations for examinations in these Courses.

(3) A Central Conference shall have power to make such changes and adaptations as the peculiar conditions on the fields concerned require, regarding church membership, special advices, worship, and the local ministry and shall have power to decide the official status and ordination of women, provided that no action shall be taken which is contrary to the book of *Discipline*.

(4) A Central Conference shall have the power to establish detailed rules, rites and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, not contrary to the statute laws of the country or countries within its jurisdiction.

(5) A Central Conference is authorized to prepare and translate simplified or adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as it may deem necessary, such changes to receive the approval of the resident Bishop or Bishops.

(6) A Central Conference shall have authority to edit and publish abridged editions of the *Discipline*, omitting such sections as refer exclusively to activities in the United States of America.

(7) A Central Conference shall supervise the missionary work undertaken by the Church located within its bounds and provide suitable organizations for such work; provided that when a Central Conference enters upon such work outside its borders, it shall first consult the Board of Foreign Missions.

(8) A Central Conference, where the laws of the country permit, shall have the power to incorporate one or more Executive Boards, or Committees with such membership and such powers as may have been granted by the Central Conference, for the purpose of transacting any necessary business that may arise in the interval between the sessions of the Central Conference, or that may be committed to said Boards or Committees by the Central Conference.

(9) A Central Conference is authorized to interpret Article XXIII of the Articles of Religion so as to recognize the government or governments of the country or countries within its territory.

(10) A Central Conference shall have authority to make such modifications of the rules concerning the temporal economy of the local church as to adapt those rules to the conditions existing in the fields concerned.

(11) The Central Conference, with the concurrence of the Resident Bishop or Bishops concerned, shall have authority to supervise such institutions, interests, and properties of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the territory within its jurisdiction as may have been provided by funds raised within said jurisdiction, or as may be intrusted to it. It shall have the power to make rules and regulations for the purchase, holding, and transfer of any such property or institution secured or established from resources raised within its jurisdiction, and of such other properties as may be transferred to it by the Conferences or such other organizations, local or general, holding the same; provided, however, (a) that all procedure shall be subject to the laws of the country or countries concerned; (b) that no transfer of property shall be made from one Conference to another without the consent of the Conference holding such property; (c) that the existing status of properties held by local Trustees or other holding bodies shall be recognized. The Central Conference shall not alienate any property or institution, or the proceeds derived from the sale or transfer thereof, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, nor shall the Central Conference involve the Board of Foreign Missions, or any other organization of the Church, in any financial obligation without the official approval of said Board or organization.

(12) A Central Conference may fix the boundaries

of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions within its bounds, proposals for changes first having been submitted to the Annual Conferences concerned as prescribed in the book of *Discipline*, ¶ 511, provided, however, that the number of Annual Conferences which may be organized within the bounds of a Central Conference shall first have been determined by the General Conference, and, provided further, that no Annual Conference shall be organized with less than twenty-five members. It may also, with the consent of the resident Bishops, enter into agreements with other Churches or Missions for the division of territory or of responsibility for Christian work within the territory of the Central Conference.

(13) A Central Conference shall have power to fix orders of business suitable for the District and Quarterly Conferences within its territory.

(14) A Central Conference shall have the power to organize Women's Conferences within its jurisdiction and to determine conditions of membership and powers of the same.

(15) The Journal of the proceedings of a Central Conference duly signed by the President and Secretary, shall be sent for examination to the General Conference.

(16) With the exception of determining the number of Bishops a Central Conference shall have authority to recommend the number of general officers in all departments of the work of the Church within the boundaries of the Central Conference.

(17) A Central Mission Conference shall become a Central Conference upon fulfillment of ¶ 95, § 1, (1) and upon the ratification of the Annual Con-

ferences, Mission Conferences and Missions concerned.

CENTRAL MISSION CONFERENCES

¶ 95A, § 1. (1) *Organization.* When in any of our Foreign Mission fields there is more than one Annual Conference or Mission, if ordered by the General Conference, it shall be lawful to organize a Central Mission Conference, to be composed either of all the members of those Annual Conferences or Missions, or of delegates from the same, elected according to such ratio as may be agreed upon between the constituent parties, who may also provide for the admission of laymen to such Conference, the number of lay delegates not to exceed that of the Ministerial delegates.

(2) The first meeting of the Central Mission Conference shall be called by the Bishop in charge, at such time and place as he may select, to which all the members of the Conferences and Missions concerned shall be invited, and at which a ratio of representation shall be fixed by the Conference. The time and place of future meetings shall be determined by the Central Mission Conference; provided, that it shall meet at least once in four years.

(3) A General Superintendent or Missionary Bishop, if present, shall preside over a Central Mission Conference, but in his absence the Conference shall elect a president from among its own members. Missionary Bishops have equal rights and privileges with General Superintendents in the sessions of the Central Mission Conferences with which they may be connected.

§ 2. *Powers.* (1) To a Central Mission Conference shall be committed for supervision the educational, industrial, publishing, medical, and other connec-tional interests of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within its jurisdiction; but never in contravention of the book of *Discipline*, or the orders of the General Conference; and it shall have no authority to involve the Board of Foreign Missions in any financial responsibility, nor to hold or control the property of the Board without the official permission of the said Board.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Bishops, it shall have power to arrange Courses of Study, including those in the vernaculars, for its ministry both foreign and indigenous, including Local Preachers, Exhorters, Bible Women, Deaconesses, Teachers, both male and female and all other workers whatsoever, ordained or lay.

(3) In cooperation and collaboration with the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, it shall supervise the mis-sionary work and policy of the indigenous Church and provide suitable organization for such work.

(4) A Central Mission Conference is authorized to prepare and translate into the vernacular concerned simplified and adapted forms of such parts of the Ritual as may be deemed necessary; to extend Article XXIII of the Articles of Religion to recognize the government or governments of countries within its jurisdiction; such changes to receive the approval of the resident Bishop or Bishops.

(5) A Central Mission Conference shall have power to make such adaptations regarding membership, special advices, worship, and the local **ministry, not**

contrary to the book of *Discipline*, as the peculiar conditions of the fields concerned call for.

(6) A Central Mission Conference, where the laws of the country permit, and subject to proper agreements with the Board of Foreign Missions, shall have power to incorporate an executive Board or Committee with such membership and powers as may be determined by the Central Mission Conference, for the purpose of transacting such necessary business as may arise in the interval between the sessions of the Central Mission Conference or as may be committed to it by the Central Conference.

(7) A Central Mission Conference shall have the power to establish detailed rules, rites and ceremonies for the solemnization of marriage, not contrary to the statute law of the country or countries within its jurisdiction.

(8) A Central Mission Conference shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the purchase, holding and transferring of property, not related to the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as the local laws allow or require.

(9) In the Central Mission Conference the right shall be reserved to vote by Conferences or Missions whenever the delegations from one third of the several Conferences or Missions represented shall so demand. In such cases the concurrent vote of the delegations from two thirds of all the Conferences and Missions present and voting shall be necessary to complete an action.

(10) A Central Mission Conference may fix the boundaries of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within its jurisdiction, pro-

posals for changes first having been submitted to the Annual Conferences concerned as prescribed in ¶ 511; provided, however, that the number of Annual Conferences which may be organized within the bounds of a Central Mission Conference shall first have been determined by the General Conference; and provided, further, that no Conference shall be organized with less than twenty-five members.

(11) When a Central Mission Conference has been duly organized it shall not be discontinued except by order or consent of the General Conference.

(12) The Journal of the proceedings of a Central Mission Conference, duly signed by the President and Secretary, shall be sent for examination to the General Conference.

CHAPTER V

MISSION CONFERENCES

¶ 96, § 1. Any Mission established under the provisions of the Discipline may be constituted a Mission Conference by the General Conference.

§ 2. A Mission Conference is authorized to exercise the powers of an Annual Conference subject to the approval of the presiding Bishop; and its Members shall share *pro rata* in the proceeds of The Book Concern with Members of the Annual Conferences, but they shall not elect delegates to the General Conference.

§ 3. The Bishop having Episcopal supervision of a Mission Conference may appoint a Superintendent,

who may also be a District Superintendent where there are two or more Districts. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Mission Conference to take the general supervision of the Conference, and yet not so as to interfere with the duties of the District Superintendents; and to represent the state of the work and its needs to the Bishop having charge, and to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Board immediately concerned.

§ 4. If there is no Bishop present at an Annual Session of a Mission Conference, the Superintendent shall preside; but if there is no Superintendent present, the presidency shall be determined as in an Annual Conference. ¶ 78.

§ 5. Each Mission Conference or Mission at its Annual Session shall appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the President of the Conference, to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each Pastoral Charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the Charge. Such estimates shall be subject to modification by the managers of the Missionary Board immediately concerned, and in the aggregate shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the Board.

§ 6. A Charge within a Mission Conference may receive aid from the Missionary Board without having been designated in the estimates made by the Conference at its Annual Meeting.

NOTE.—Under special conditions Mission Conferences may designate a member to sit with the Standing Committees of the General Conference.—*Journal*, 1920, Report No. 20, Committee on Foreign Missions.

CHAPTER VI

MISSIONS

1. **For Missions in Foreign Fields**, see ¶¶ 421, 422.
 2. **For Missions in the Home Field**, see ¶ 449.
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CHAPTER VII

DISTRICT CONFERENCES

I. Organization and Duties

¶ 97. The District Conference shall be composed of the traveling ministers, the local preachers, the Exhorters, within the District, and the District Stewards, the District Presidents of the Epworth League, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society together with one Sunday School Superintendent, one President of an Epworth League Chapter, one Director of Social and Recreational Life, one Secretary of Good Literature, one President of a Ladies' Aid Society, one Class or Unit Leader, one President of an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, one President of an auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society from each Pastoral Charge in the

District; also any lay members of our Church sent to any of our Foreign Missions by the Board of Foreign Missions or by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who are Members of a Quarterly Conference within the District. But if there shall be in any Charge more than one Sunday School Superintendent, Class or Unit Leader, President of the Epworth League, Director of Social and Recreational Life, Secretary of Good Literature, President of the Ladies' Aid Society, President of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or President of the auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, then the Quarterly Conference shall designate one of each for this service.

¶ 98. The District Conference shall meet once or twice each year as it may determine. The District Superintendent shall designate the time and place for the first meeting after the adoption of this plan by the District, but the District Conference shall at each meeting determine the place for its next meeting, the time to be fixed by the District Superintendent.

¶ 99. If a Bishop be present at the District Conference, he shall preside. In the absence of a Bishop the District Superintendent shall preside. If neither be present, the District Conference shall choose its own President by ballot, without debate, from among the Traveling Elders.

¶ 100. A record of the proceedings of each District Conference shall be kept by a Secretary chosen for the purpose, and a copy of said record shall be sent to the ensuing Annual Conference.

¶ 101. The regular business of the District Conference shall be:

§ 1. To take the general oversight of all the temporal and spiritual affairs of the District, subject to the provisions of the Discipline.

§ 2. To take supervision of all the Local Preachers and Exhorters in the District, as provided in ¶¶ 219-228, and to arrange a plan of appointments for each until the next District Conference.

§ 3. To inquire if the support of the Ministry and all the collections for the benevolent institutions of the Church, as recognized by the Discipline, have received proper attention in all the Pastoral Charges, and, if necessary, to adopt suitable measures for promoting them.

§ 4. To inquire into the condition of the Sunday Schools in the District, and to adopt suitable measures for insuring their success.

§ 5. To inquire into the condition of the Epworth League Chapters in the District, and to adopt suitable measures for insuring their success.

§ 6. To inquire into the condition of the Ladies' Aid Societies in the District, and to adopt suitable measures for insuring their success.

§ 7. To inquire into the condition of the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the District, and to adopt suitable measures for insuring their success.

§ 8. To inquire respecting opportunities for Missionary and Church Extension enterprises within the District, and to provide for any neglected portion of its territory by the establishment of Mission Sunday Schools or by appointments for Public Worship.

§ 9. To provide appropriate religious and literary exercises during the session.

II. Order of Business

¶ 102. The order of business for the District Conference shall be:

§ 1. To inquire what members of the District Conference are present.

§ 2. To appoint Committees on

1. Examination of candidates for License to Preach.
2. Examination of Local Preachers in each of the four years of the Course of Study.
3. Examination of candidates for Reception on Trial in the Annual Conference.
4. Examination of candidates for Orders.
5. Home Mission work.
6. Appointments of Local Preachers and Exhorters.
7. Program of religious and literary exercises for the next meeting.
8. Miscellaneous matters.

§ 3. To receive Reports:

1. From the District Superintendent, as to the condition of the work under his Charge, and concerning his own work as District Superintendent.
2. From each Pastor, as to the religious condition of his Charge, his pastoral labors, the benevolent collections, the circulation of our Church periodicals and books, and the effective organization of the members and constituents into Classes or Units.
3. From each Local Preacher, according to the form prescribed in ¶ 223.
4. From each Exhorter, including a statement

of the Prayer Meetings he has held, and other work done, especially in destitute places and among the sick and the poor.

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5. From each District Steward, as to the temporal affairs of the Charge he represents.
 6. From each Sunday School Superintendent, as to the condition of the Sunday Schools of the Charge he represents.
 7. From each President of an Epworth League Chapter, as to the condition of the Chapters of the Charge he represents.
 8. From each Director of Social and Recreational Life as to the social and recreational program and activities of the Charge he represents.
 9. From the Secretary of Good Literature as to the circulation of Methodist periodicals and books.
 10. From each President of a Ladies' Aid Society, as to the condition of the Societies of the Charge she represents.
 11. From each Class or Unit Leader, as to the condition of the Classes or Units of the Charge he represents.
 12. From the President of each Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, as to the condition of the Auxiliary she represents.
 13. From each Committee.
- § 4. To inquire concerning Local Preachers:
1. Are there any Charges or formulated Complaints?

2. Who shall have their Licenses renewed?
3. Who shall be licensed to Preach?
4. Who shall be recommended for Ordination?
5. Who shall be recommended for Recognition of Orders?
6. Who shall be recommended for Reception on Trial in the Annual Conference?
7. What work is assigned to each Local Preacher?

§ 5. To inquire concerning Exhorters:

1. Who shall have their Licenses renewed?
2. What work is assigned to each Exhorter?

§ 6. To fix the seat of the next District Conference.

§ 7. To transact other appropriate business.

§ 8. The order of business may be varied, and the business interspersed with such literary and religious exercises as the District Conference may direct.

III. Discontinuance

¶ 103. The provisions for District Conferences shall be of force and binding only in those Districts in which the Quarterly Conferences of a majority of the Pastoral Charges shall have approved the same by asking the District Superintendent to convene a District Conference, as provided in ¶ 98. A District Conference may be discontinued by a vote of a majority of the members present at any regular session, notice thereof having been given at a previous session, with the concurrence of a majority of the Quarterly Conferences in the District.

CHAPTER VIII

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

I. Organization and Duties

¶ 104. The Quarterly Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Ministers, Local Preachers, Exhorters, Stewards, Class or Unit Leaders, Trustees, Directors of Social and Recreational Life, Directors of Religious Education, Secretaries of Good Literature, first Superintendents of Sunday Schools, Presidents of Epworth League Chapters, Superintendents of Junior Leagues, Presidents of Christian Stewardship Guilds, Presidents of Ladies' Aid Societies, Presidents of Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Presidents of Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and Deaconesses employed within the Charge; provided, that said Class or Unit Leaders, Trustees, Directors of Social and Recreational Life, Directors of Religious Education, Secretaries of Good Literature, Superintendents, Presidents, and Deaconesses are members of our Church in the Charge, and are approved by the Quarterly Conference for membership therein; also any lay members of the Church sent to any of our Missions by the Board of Foreign Missions, or by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who are assigned to said Quarterly Conference and regularly appointed to definite work by the Bishop in charge.¹

¹For additional members of the Quarterly Conference in Charges under the supervision of a City Society, see ¶ 441, § 2.

¶ 105, § 1. The District Superintendent shall preside in the Quarterly Conference; or, he may appoint a Traveling Elder to preside. In the absence of the District Superintendent, and of the Traveling Elder so appointed, the Pastor shall preside.

§ 2. The Recording Steward shall be the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference and shall take minutes of the proceedings thereof. He shall also be the Custodian of the records of the Quarterly Conference. In his absence a Secretary shall be elected from the members of the Quarterly Conference present, and he shall forward the records to the Recording Steward.

¶ 106. In those Districts in which District Conferences shall be held the powers given to the District Conferences shall not be exercised by the Quarterly Conferences. In all other cases the powers of the Quarterly Conferences shall remain as hereinafter provided.

¶ 107. The regular business of the Quarterly Conference shall be:

§ 1. To hear formulated complaints, and to receive and try charges as directed in ¶¶ 270-278.

§ 2. To take cognizance of all Local Preachers and Exhorters in the Circuit or Station, as provided in ¶¶ 219-228.

§ 3. To receive the annual report of the Trustees; to elect Trustees where the laws of the State permit and conditions require (see ¶¶ 347-349); and, at its discretion, to approve for membership in the Quarterly Conference Trustees who are members of the Church within the Pastoral Charge, but who were elected otherwise than by the Quarterly Conference.

§ 4. To elect Stewards for the Charge, and to elect

one of these as District Steward, one as reserve District Steward, one as Communion Steward, and one as Recording Steward.

§ 5. To have oversight of all the Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Pastoral Charge, and to inquire into the condition of each; to confirm or reject Sunday School Superintendents elected by the Sunday School Board; at its discretion, to approve for membership in the Quarterly Conference Superintendents who are members of the Church within the Pastoral Charge; and to remove any Superintendent who may prove unworthy or inefficient.

§ 6. To have general oversight of the Epworth League Chapters and other organizations of young people; to confirm or reject Presidents of the Epworth League elected by the Chapters, and Junior League Superintendents nominated by the Pastor; at its discretion, to approve for membership in the Quarterly Conference Epworth League Presidents and Junior League Superintendents who are members of the Church within the Pastoral Charge; and to remove any Epworth League President or Junior League Superintendent who may prove unworthy or inefficient.

§ 7. To elect where desirable, on nomination of the Pastor, a Director of Religious Education whose duty it shall be, together with the Pastor, to have general supervision of the entire educational program of the Church.

§ 8. To elect where desirable, on nomination of the Pastor, a Secretary of Good Literature, whose duty it shall be in cooperation with the Pastor, to promote the circulation of The Christian Advocates and to stimulate interest in our books and periodicals

within the bounds of the charge to which he belongs, and who shall report to each session of the Quarterly Conference of his charge.

§ 9. To elect, on the nomination of the Pastor, a Director of Social and Recreational Life who shall, with the concurrence of the Pastor, promote the social and recreational life of the young people: *provided* that, where the above action is impracticable, the Pastor, the Sunday School Superintendent and the Epworth League President may carry out the intent of the above provision. (See ¶ 480.)

§ 10. To have general oversight of Ladies' Aid Societies and other organizations of similar designation and purpose; to confirm or reject Presidents elected by these Societies; at its discretion, to approve for membership in the Quarterly Conference Presidents who are members of the Church within the Charge; and to remove any President who may prove unworthy or inefficient.

§ 11. To have general oversight of the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; and at its discretion, to approve for membership in the Quarterly Conference Presidents of Auxiliaries who are members of the Church within the Pastoral Charge.

§ 12. To meet carefully all the obligations laid by the Discipline upon the Quarterly Conference in reference to the support of the Ministry and of the benevolent causes.

§ 13. To appoint at some session of the Quarterly Conference prior to the fourth, a Committee consisting of three or more members of the Church to be known as the Committee on Estimating Ministerial Support.

§ 14. To appoint at the fourth Quarterly Conference Committees for the ensuing Conference year on (1) Apportioned Benevolences (¶ 111, § 4). (2) Christian Stewardship (¶ 71). (3) Foreign Missions. (4) Home Missions and Church Extension. (5) Tracts. (6) Temperance. (7) Education. (8) Education for Negroes. (9) Hospitals. (10) Church Records. (11) Auditing Accounts. (12) Parsonage and Furniture. (13) Church Music. (14) Examination of Local Preachers. (15) Foreign Language Obligations (¶ 571, § 9).

§ 15. Constitute at the fourth Quarterly Conference a Commission on Religious Education to consist of one representative each from the Sunday School, the Epworth League, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Committee on Apportioned Benevolences, the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education being *ex officio* members.

II. Order of Business

¶ 108. The order of business in the Quarterly Conference, after the Roll of Members has been called, shall be as follows:

NOTE.—Questions, or items under questions, marked thus (-1-) are to be considered at the first Quarterly Conference; those marked (-4-) at the fourth Quarterly Conference; such other questions and items are to be considered at each Quarterly Conference as are practicable.

I. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

II. ORGANIZATION.

§ 1. (-4-) What Trustees of Church and Parsonage property are elected by or approved as members of this Quarterly Conference? ¶ 107, § 3.

§ 2. (-4-) Who shall be the Stewards for the ensuing Conference year? ¶¶ 107, § 4; 314-318.

§ 3. (-4-) Who shall be: *a.* Recording Steward? *b.* District Steward? *c.* Reserve District Steward? *d.* Communion Steward? *e.* Director of Social and Recreational Life?

§ 4. Is there any change desired in the Board of Stewards, Class or Unit Leaders? ¶¶ 107, § 4; 63, § 2.

§ 5. Who are confirmed as members of this Quarterly Conference?

1. As Sunday School Superintendents.
2. As Presidents of Epworth Leagues.
3. As Superintendents of Junior Epworth Leagues.
4. As Directors of Social and Recreational Life.
5. As Presidents of Ladies' Aid Societies or similar organizations.
6. As Presidents of Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.
7. As Presidents of Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.
8. As Deaconesses employed within the Charge.
9. As Class Leaders or Unit Leaders.
10. As Directors of Religious Education.

III. PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES.

§ 6. Pastor's report. ¶ 183, § 3.

§ 7. Discussion of the forward program of the Charge.

§ 8. Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed? ¶¶ 49-54.

§ 9. (-4-) What report does the Pastor make in regard to ¶ 461 of the Discipline?

§ 10. (-4-) Has the Pastor this Conference year specifically directed the attention of the congregation to our General Rules and Special Advices? ¶ 182, § 4. ¶¶ 65-71.

§ 11. (-4-) Has the Pastor prepared for his successor and deposited with the Recording Steward a plan of his Charge together with the order of services and lists of Officials, the Church membership, the constituency roll and the Units as organized? ¶ 182, § 29.

§ 12. Has the Pastor furnished the necessary data to the Committee on Church Records? ¶ 110, § 2.

§ 13. Reports.

1. (-4-) From Retired and Supernumerary Preachers. ¶¶ 188, 187.
2. From Local Preachers. ¶ 223.
3. From Exhorters. ¶ 228.
4. From Unit and Class Leaders, with special reference to intercession and Christian Stewardship. ¶ 61, § 2.
5. From Sunday School Superintendents. ¶ 474, § 5.

(In absence of a full report from the Sunday School Superintendent the District Superintendent shall ask the questions which are specified for this report in ¶ 479.

6. From Presidents of Epworth Leagues. ¶ 479.
7. From Superintendents of Junior Leagues.
8. From Directors of Social and Recreational Life.

9. From Directors of Religious Education.
10. From Secretary of Good Literature.
11. (-4-) From Presidents of Ladies' Aid Societies or similar organizations. ¶ 378, § 2.
12. (-4-) From Presidents of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies and allied organizations.
13. (-4-) From Presidents of Woman's Home Missionary Societies and allied organizations.
14. From Deaconesses employed within the Charge. ¶ 235.

§ 14. Who have been licensed to preach or recommended to the District Conference for License to preach? ¶ 219.

§ 15. (-4-) Was the character of each Local Preacher, Exhorter and Deaconess examined? ¶¶ 220, 228, 235.

§ 16. *a.* What Local Preachers and Exhorters are recommended to the District Conference for renewal of License? ¶¶ 220, 228.

b. (-4-) What Local Preachers and Exhorters have had their Licenses renewed? ¶¶ 220, 228.

§ 17. (-4-) What Local Preachers are recommended for Orders? ¶ 220, § 3.

§ 18. (-4-) What Local Preachers are recommended for the recognition of Orders? ¶ 165, § 2; ¶ 220, § 3.

§ 19. (-4-) What Local Preachers are recommended for Reception on Trial in the Annual Conference? ¶ 220, § 3.

IV. FINANCIAL QUESTIONS.

A. Local Budget—to be answered by the Treasurer thereof.

§ 20. (-1-) Is the Disciplinary Plan organized and in operation in the Charge? ¶ 111.

§ 21. (-1-) What amounts have been estimated for, and apportioned to, this Charge this year for the support of the Ministry?

§ 22. What amounts have been received this Conference year for the support of the Ministry and how applied? Has the *pro rata* division been made for Pastor, District Superintendent, for Conference Claimants, and for the Episcopal Fund?

§ 23. (-4-) What amounts have been estimated for and apportioned to this charge for the support of the ministry for the ensuing year? (See ¶ 323, § 1.)

§ 24. (-4-) Has the apportionment for the expenses of the General Conference been received and paid?

B. Benevolence Budget—to be answered by the Treasurer thereof.

§ 25. What amounts have been received this Conference year for Benevolences and how have they been applied?

§ 26. (-4-) What amounts are officially apportioned to this Charge for benevolent causes for next year?

§ 27. (-1-) Reports of Boards of Trustees. ¶ 350.

§ 28. (-1-) Reports of Auditing Committee. ¶ 109.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

§ 29. (-1-) Report on Church membership and Church records by Committee on Church Records. ¶ 110.

§ 30. Reports of other Committees.

§ 31. (-4-) What Committees are appointed for the ensuing Conference year? ¶ 107, § 14.

§ 32. (1-2 or 3) Who constitute the Committee on Estimating Ministerial Support?

§ 33. (-4-) Approval of record of Official Boards.

§ 34. (-4-) Who is appointed Trier of Appeals?

§ 35. Where shall the next session of the Quarterly Conference be held?

§ 36. Is there any other Business?

III. Auditing and Records

¶ 109. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Auditing Accounts to audit the books of the Church Treasurer and of the Treasurers of all Boards or organizations of the local Church or Churches of the Charge represented in the Quarterly Conference, and the accounts of the Benevolent Treasurer or Treasurers of the Charge, and report the same in writing at the first Quarterly Conference. It shall also examine all insurance papers, securities and other legal documents held by the Board or Boards of Trustees and report its findings to the first Quarterly Conference.

¶ 110, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Church Records to examine the records of membership, the constituency roll, the minutes of the Quarterly Conference, the records of the Trustees, the Official Board, and the records of all the boards and organizations of the local Church or Churches of the Pastoral Charge, represented in the Quarterly Conference, and make written report thereon at the first Quarterly Conference. When any of these books

are filled and are no longer in use, they shall be deposited with the Recording Steward for preservation.

§ 2. The Committee on Church Records shall also report to the first Quarterly Conference the following items:

What is the complete record for membership during the last Conference year?

1. Members on Roll and reported one year ago.
2. Members Received after Recommendation.
3. Members Received by Certificate.
4. Members Received from (a) Other Denominations, (b) on Confession of Faith, or (c) those Restored.
5. Total increase during the year.
6. Members dismissed by Certificate.
7. Members Deceased.
8. Members Withdrawn.
9. Members Expelled.
10. Names of members Removed without Certificate of Transfer.
11. Members placed on Nonresident-Inactive List this year.
12. Total to be deducted.
13. Net Membership on Roll.
14. Total Nonresident-Inactive Members.
15. Preparatory Members received during the year.
16. Preparatory Members now on Roll.
17. Baptized children who have received Instruction for Membership.
18. Have acknowledgments been received from all Charges to which Certificates of Transfer have been issued?
19. Have all Certificates of Transfer received been acknowledged to the Charges which issued them?

20. Have Charges to which members have removed without Certificate of Transfer been notified?

21. Have all known to have moved into this Charge with or without Certificate of Transfer been visited?

22. Have Certificates of Registration been issued in the case of baptized children who have removed to another Pastoral Charge?

23. The Constituency Roll.

IV. Disciplinary Financial Plan

¶ 111, § 1. *Foreword*: This plan is based on principles concerned in promoting Christian Stewardship (¶ 71) and providing financial support of local and world service of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The essential features should apply to every local Church; the details may be adapted to local conditions.

§ 2. *Basic Principles*: (1) Every Member should be A Recorded Contributor, not only that the amount expected of him may be recorded but that a definite ideal may be set up for both members and administration.

(2) Every member should be fully informed regarding the needs and extent of the local and world service of his Church. Personal and thoughtful giving enhances in the mind of the giver, the cause to which he is giving.

(3) Systematic Contributions should be sought and duplex envelopes provided that contributions may be received weekly and credited to Local Budget and Benevolence Budget respectively.

(4) Quarterly or semiannual statements should be issued and arrears collected. Contributions made on other than weekly basis if paid early in the fiscal

year will help offset arrears naturally accumulating in summer and later months of the year.

(5) The ideal "Every Member a Recorded Contributor" may be more nearly achieved when the local expense Budget includes the Sunday School and the Epworth League. Contributions from children, youth, or invalids, who have no fixed income or allowance, should be the portion of their substance which they wish to share with their Church.

(6) Establish the custom of assigning envelopes to each new member taken into the Church, deliver the envelope, before the following Sunday, with an introductory letter explaining briefly the financial plan for the support of the Church.

(7) The requisite of any financial plan is control. Control must be based on accurate knowledge. Control of Church finance must further depend upon confidence. The Financial Secretary should provide the facts and the Finance Committee be so constituted that it has the confidence and support of every department of the Church. Under these conditions the control of the expenditure of moneys should be directly with the Finance Committee and no appropriations should be made for items not included in the Local Budget without also providing additional funds for same, unless the Finance Committee shall have approved such appropriation.

§ 3. The Finance Committee shall consist of not less than three members. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee before the close of the fiscal year:

(1) In collaboration with the Financial Secretary, to prepare a Local Budget in the form suggested in ¶ 111, § 6.

(2) In collaboration with the representatives of the Sunday School Board to prepare the budget for Support of Sunday School.

(3) In collaboration with the representatives of the Epworth League to prepare the budget for support of Epworth League activities.

(4) In collaboration with the Committee on Apportioned Benevolences and the Financial Secretary to prepare the Budget for Benevolences.

(5) To present, previous to the end of the fiscal year, the Local and Benevolence Budgets to a specially called meeting of the Official Board for approval or revision.

(6) To proceed immediately by personal canvass of the entire membership of Church, congregation, Sunday School, Epworth League and other supporters of the Church, to secure pledges and to determine the probable income for coming year.

(7) If probable income is insufficient to meet budgets as made, to report to the First Quarterly Conference recommendations as to how the balance needed can be raised.

§ 4. The Committee on Benevolences shall consist of at least five members with the Pastor as Chairman. The several Missionary Societies, especially of the Sunday School and Epworth League or Young People's Organization, should be represented on this Committee.

It shall be the duty of this Committee:

(1) To inculcate the principles of Christian Stewardship as presented in ¶ 71 of *Discipline*.

(2) To arrange continual, periodic, and special presentation to the members and various organizations of the Church, of the interests and work in-

cluded in the World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(3) To ascertain apportionments for the World Service, Annual and Quarterly Conference Benevolences and with the Finance Committee of the Official Board make up the Benevolence Budget.

(4) Wherever pledges and receipts seem to indicate failure to raise the complete Benevolence Budget to report recommendations to the Official Board.

(5) The Committee on Benevolences shall constitute the Local Church Committee, entitled "World Service Committee" or "World Service Council" provided for under the Disciplinary Plan for World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.¹

§ 5. The Financial Secretary.

The duties of the Financial Secretary are:

(1) To receive and record in approved classified form all moneys coming to the Church, not subject to immediate control of the Trustees.

(2) To keep an account with each individual contributor.

(3) To deposit promptly all funds in Bank or Trust Company approved by the Official Board, in the name of the Church and designated "Local Budget Account" or "Benevolent Budget Account" respectively and subject to draft of the respective Treasurers thereof.

(4) To keep the respective Treasurers informed of all deposits or other accessions to such accounts.

(5) To keep record of all withdrawals by the respective Treasurers, classified under the same terms used in the Budgets.

¹See ¶ 410, §2.

(6) Report to each monthly meeting of the Official Board and to the Quarterly Conferences as required.

(7) To assist Finance Committee in forming Budget for Local Expense.

(8) To cooperate with the Committee on Benevolences in promoting the Benevolent interests of the Church.

§ 6. The Local Budget may include in approved classified form, provision for:

(1) Ministerial support, namely, Pastor's Salary, House Rent (if paid in cash to owners or Trustees), apportionment for District Superintendent, for Bishops and for Conference Claimants.

(2) Other salaries for music, secretarial, janitor or miscellaneous work.

(3) Sunday School budget framed by authority of the Sunday School Board, approved by the Finance Committee.

(4) Epworth League budget framed by authority of the Cabinet of the Epworth League, approved by the Finance Committee.

(5) Repairs, supplies and expense carefully classified in few comprehensive divisions. Include apportionment of Annual and General Conference Expense.

§ 7. Treasurer of Local Budget.

The duties of the Treasurer of Local Budget are:

(1) To disburse moneys from Local Expense Bank Account as ordered by the Official Board or Quarterly Conference or Board of Trustees.

(2) To enable the Financial Secretary to report all disbursements to Official Board or Quarterly Conference.

§ 8. The Benevolence Budget shall include provision for:

(1) World Service Quota asked by authority of the Official Board. Let captions under this item be worded so as to indicate to some degree the extent of the World Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(2) The quotas or amounts sought by authority of the Official Board for the several Annual Conference Benevolences.

(3) The quotas or amounts sought by authority of the Official Board for Special Benevolences other than those for which special collections are ordered.

§ 9. Treasurer of Benevolence Budget.

The duties of the Treasurer of Benevolence Budget are to make disbursements from the Benevolence Bank Account as follows:

(1) Monthly, the Benevolences ordered by the General Conference which shall be forwarded as directed by the General Conference.

(2) Periodically, the Benevolences ordered by the Annual Conference which shall be forwarded as directed by the Annual Conference.

(3) Occasionally, the Benevolences and special collections ordered by the Quarterly Conference or Official Board and Benevolences provided for by individuals or organizations desiring to give through Church channels for credit as "Other Benevolences."

(4) To enable Financial Secretary to report all disbursement to the Official Board or Quarterly Conference.

V. Official Board

¶ 112, § 1. The Quarterly Conference of any Charge may organize and continue during its pleas-

ure an Official Board, to be composed of all the members of the Quarterly Conference. In the case of Circuits the Quarterly Conference may organize, and continue during its pleasure, Official Boards for the several appointments of the Charge, such Official Boards to be composed of the Members of the Quarterly Conference attached to the respective appointments. The Official Board shall hold its meetings monthly on a stated day. The Pastor shall be the President of the Official Board and shall preside over its meetings, or in his absence a vice-chairman regularly elected shall preside. There shall also be chosen a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and two Treasurers, one for the Local Budget and one for the Benevolence Budget. When so organized the Official Board may discharge the duties of the Leaders and Stewards' meeting. When such action is taken it shall void such provisions of the *Discipline*, under "Ministerial Support," as relate to the financial duties of the Stewards (¶¶ 317, 323). The duties of the Secretary are to make a record of the proceedings of the Official Board and, after examination by the Committee on Church Records, to send the same to the Fourth Quarterly Conference for approval. The duties of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer of Local Budget and Treasurer of Benevolence Budget are set forth in ¶ 111 under the Disciplinary Financial Plan.

§ 2. The Official Board or where no such Board is organized, the Quarterly Conference, shall further organize by the selection, with the consent of the Pastor, of Committees for the care of Church property, finance, music, and any other Committees necessary to facilitate its work.

CHAPTER IX

LEADERS AND STEWARDS' MEETING

¶ 113. The Pastor, as often as practicable, shall hold a meeting of all the Leaders and Stewards of the Charge, to be denominated the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, in order to inquire, 1. Are there any sick? 2. Are there any requiring temporal relief? 3. Are there any who walk disorderly and will not be reprov'd? 4. Are there any who willfully neglect the means of grace? 5. Are any changes to be made in the classes? 6. Are there any persons to be recommended for admission into the Church? 7. Are there any to be recommended for License to exhort or to preach? 8. What amount has been received for the support of the Pastor or Pastors? 9. Is there any miscellaneous business?

PART III
THE MINISTRY

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CHAPTER I

QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK

I. Call to Preach

¶ 114. In order that we may try those persons who profess to be moved by the Holy Ghost to preach let the following questions be asked, namely:

§ 1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?

§ 2. Have they gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have they, in some tolerable degree, a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Has God given them any degree of utterance? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?

§ 3. Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching?

§ 4. As long as these marks concur in anyone, we believe he is called of God to preach. These we receive as sufficient proof that he is moved by the Holy Ghost.

II. Rules for a Preacher's Conduct

¶ 115. *Rule 1.* Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary.

¶ 116. *Rule 2.* Be serious. Let your motto be,

“Holiness to the Lord.” Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

¶ 117. *Rule 3.* Converse sparingly and conduct yourself prudently with women (1 Tim. 5. 2).

¶ 118. *Rule 4.* Believe evil of no one without good evidence; unless you see it done take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything. You know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner’s side.

¶ 119. *Rule 5.* Speak evil of no one, because your word, especially, would eat as doth a canker. Keep your thoughts within your own breast till you come to the person concerned.

¶ 120. *Rule 6.* Tell everyone under your care what you think wrong in his conduct and temper, and that lovingly and plainly, as soon as may be; else it will fester in your heart. Make all haste to cast the fire out of your bosom.

¶ 121. *Rule 7.* Avoid all affectation. A Preacher of the Gospel is the servant of all.

¶ 122. *Rule 8.* Be ashamed of nothing but sin.

¶ 123. *Rule 9.* Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake.

¶ 124. *Rule 10.* You have nothing to do but to save souls; therefore spend and be spent in this work; and go always not only to those that want you, but to those that want you most.

Observe! It is not your business only to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that Society, but to save as many as you can; to bring as many sinners as you can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord. And remember! a

Methodist Preacher is to mind every point, great and small, in the Methodist *Discipline*! Therefore you will need to exercise all the sense and grace you have.

¶ 125. *Rule 11.* Act in all things not according to your own will, but as a son in the Gospel. As such, it is your duty to employ your time in the manner in which we direct: in preaching, and visiting from house to house; in reading, meditation, and prayer. Above all, if you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for His glory.

¶ 126. Smaller advices which might be of use to us are perhaps these: 1. Be sure never to disappoint a congregation. 2. Begin at the time appointed. 3. Let your whole deportment be serious, weighty, and solemn. 4. Always suit your subject to your audience. 5. Choose the plainest text you can. 6. Take care not to ramble, but keep to your text, and make out what you take in hand. 7. Take care of anything awkward or affected, either in your gesture, phrase, or pronunciation. 8. Do not usually pray *extempore* above eight or ten minutes (at most) without intermission. 9. Frequently read and enlarge upon a portion of Scripture; and let young Preachers often exhort without taking a text. 10. Always avail yourself of the great festivals by preaching on the occasion.

III. Spiritual Qualifications

¶ 127. The duty of the Preacher is: 1. To preach. 2. To meet the Societies and Classes. 3. To visit the sick.

¶ 128. A Preacher shall be qualified for his charge by walking closely with God, and having his work greatly at heart, and by understanding and loving discipline, ours in particular.

¶ 129. We do not sufficiently watch over each other. Should we not frequently ask each other, Do you walk closely with God? Have you now fellowship with the Father and the Son? At what hour do you rise? Do you punctually observe the morning and evening hours of retirement? Do you spend the day in the manner which the Conference advises? Do you converse seriously, usefully, and closely? To be more particular: Do you use all the means of grace yourself, and enforce the use of them on all other persons?

¶ 130. The means of grace are either Instituted or Prudential.

¶ 131. The INSTITUTED are:

§ 1. *Prayer*: private, family, and public; consisting of deprecation, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving. Do you use each of these? Do you forecast daily, wherever you are, to secure time for private devotion? Do you practice it everywhere? Do you ask everywhere, Have you family prayer? Do you ask individuals, Do you use private prayer every morning and evening in particular?

§ 2. *Searching the Scriptures*: 1. Reading: constantly, some part of every day; regularly, all the Bible in order; carefully, with notes; seriously, with prayer before and after; fruitfully, immediately practicing what you learn there. 2. Meditating: at set times; by rule. 3. Hearing: at every opportunity; with prayer before, at, after. Have you a Bible always about you?

§ 3. *The Lord's Supper*: Do you use this at every opportunity? With solemn prayer before? With earnest and deliberate self-devotion?

§ 4. *Fasting*: Do you use as much abstinence and fasting every week as your health, strength, and labor will permit?

§ 5. *Christian Conference*: Are you convinced how important and how difficult it is to order your conversation aright? Is it always in grace? Seasoned with salt? Meet to minister grace to the hearers? Do you not converse too long at a time? Is not an hour commonly enough? Would it not be well always to have a determined end in view? And to pray before and after it?

¶ 132. PRUDENTIAL means we may use either as Christians, as Methodists, or as Preachers.

§ 1. *As Christians*: What particular rules have you in order to grow in grace? What arts of holy living?

§ 2. *As Methodists*: Do you ever miss your Class?

§ 3. *As Preachers*: Have you thoroughly considered your duty? And do you make a conscience of executing every part of it? Do you meet every Society and their Leaders?

¶ 133. These means may be used without fruit. But there are some means which cannot, namely: watching, denying ourselves, taking up our cross, exercise of the presence of God.

§ 1. Do you steadily watch against the world? Yourself? Your besetting sin?

§ 2. Do you deny yourself every useless pleasure of sense? imagination? honor? Are you temperate in all things? For instance, 1. Do you use only that kind and that degree of food which is best both for body and soul? Do you see the necessity of this? Do

you eat no more at each meal than is necessary? Are you not heavy or drowsy after dinner? 2. Do you use only that kind and that degree of drink which is best both for your body and soul? Do you choose and use water for your common drink, and only take wine medicinally or sacramentally?

§ 3. Wherein do you take up your cross daily? Do you cheerfully bear your cross, however grievous to nature, as a gift of God, and labor to profit thereby?

§ 4. Do you endeavor to set God always before you? To see his eye continually fixed upon you?

¶ 134. Never can you use these means but a blessing will ensue. And the more you use them the more you will grow in grace.

IV. Profitable Use of Time

¶ 135. As a general method of employing our time we advise you, 1. As often as possible to rise at four. 2. From four to five in the morning and from five to six in the evening to meditate, pray, and read the Scriptures with notes, and the closely practical part of what Mr. Wesley has published. 3. From six in the morning till twelve, wherever it is practicable, let the time be spent in appropriate reading, study, and private devotion.

¶ 136. Other reasons may concur, but the chief reason that the people under our care are not better is because we are not more knowing and more holy.

¶ 137. And we are not more knowing because we are idle. We forget our first rule: "Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Neither spend any more time at any place than is strictly necessary." We fear there is altogether a

fault in this matter, and that few of us are clear. Which of us spend as many hours a day in God's work as we did formerly in man's work? We talk—talk—or read what comes next to hand. We must, absolutely must, cure this evil, or betray the cause of God. But how? 1. Read the most useful books, and that regularly and constantly: 2. Steadily spend all the morning in this employment, or at least five hours in the four and twenty. "But I have no taste for reading." Contract a taste for it by use or return to your former employment. "But I have no books." Be diligent to spread the books, and you will have the use of them.

V. Necessity of Union Among Ourselves

¶ 138. Let us be deeply sensible (from what we have known) of the evil of a division in principle, spirit, or practice, and the dreadful consequences to ourselves and others. If we are united, what can stand before us? If we divide, we shall destroy ourselves, the work of God, and the souls of our people.

¶ 139. In order to a closer union with each other, 1. Let us be deeply convinced of the absolute necessity of it. 2. Pray earnestly for, and speak freely to, each other. 3. When we meet, let us never part without prayer. 4. Take great care not to despise each other's gifts. 5. Never speak lightly of each other. 6. Let us defend each other's character in everything so far as is consistent with truth. 7. Labor in honor each to prefer the other before himself. We recommend a serious perusal of *The Causes, Evils, and Cures of Heart and Church Divisions.*

VI. Deportment at Conference

¶ 140. It is desired that all things be considered on these occasions as in the immediate presence of God; that every person speak freely whatever is in his heart.

¶ 141. In order, therefore, that we may best improve our time at the Conferences, 1. While we are conversing let us have an especial care to set God always before us. 2. In the intermediate hours let us redeem all the time we can for private exercises. 3. Therein let us give ourselves to prayer for one another, and for a blessing on our labor.

VII. Where and How to Preach

¶ 142. It is by no means advisable for us to preach in as many places as we can without forming any Societies. We have made the trial in various places, and that for a considerable time. But all that seed has fallen by the wayside. There is scarcely any fruit remaining.

¶ 143. We should endeavor to preach most, 1. Where there is the greatest number of quiet and willing hearers; 2. Where there is most fruit.

¶ 144. We ought diligently to observe in what places God is pleased at any time to pour out his Spirit more abundantly, and at that time to send more laborers than usual into that part of the harvest.

¶ 145. The best general method of preaching is, 1. To convince; 2. To offer Christ; 3. To invite; 4. To build up. And to do this in some measure in every sermon.

¶ 146. The most effectual way of preaching Christ

is to preach him in all his offices; and to declare his law, as well as his Gospel, both to believers and unbelievers. Let us strongly and closely insist upon inward and outward holiness in all its branches.

VIII. Pastoral Fidelity

¶ 147. We can further assist those under our care by instructing them at their own houses. What unspeakable need is there of this! The world says, "The Methodists are no better than other people." This is not true in the general; but,

§ 1. Personal religion, both toward God and man, is too superficial among us. We can only touch on a few particulars. How little faith is there among us! How little communion with God! How little living in heaven, walking in eternity, deadness to every creature! How much love of the world! Desire of pleasure, of ease, of getting money! How little brotherly love! What continual judging one another! What gossiping, evil-speaking, tale-bearing! What want of moral honesty! To instance only one particular: Who does as he would be done by in buying and selling?

§ 2. Family religion is wanting in many branches. And what avails public preaching alone, though we could preach like angels? We must, yea, every Traveling Preacher must, instruct the people from house to house. Till this be done, and that in good earnest, Methodists will be no better.

§ 3. Our religion is not sufficiently deep, universal, uniform; but superficial, partial, uneven. It will be so till we spend half as much time in this visiting as

we now do in talking uselessly. Can we find a better method of doing this than Mr. Baxter's? If not, let us adopt it without delay. His whole tract, entitled *Gildas Salvianus; or, The Reformed Pastor*, is well worth a careful perusal. Speaking of this visiting from house to house he says (p. 273), "We shall find many hindrances, both in ourselves and the people."

1. In ourselves there is much dullness and laziness, so that there will be much ado to get us to be faithful in the work. 2. We have a base, man-pleasing temper, so that we let people perish rather than lose their love; we let them go quietly to hell lest we should offend them. 3. Some of us also have a foolish bashfulness. We know not how to begin, and blush to contradict the devil. 4. But the greatest hindrance is weakness of faith. Our whole motion is weak, because the spring of it is weak. 5. Lastly, we are unskillful in the work. How few know how to deal with men, so as to get within them, and suit all our discourse to their several conditions and tempers, to choose the fittest subjects and follow them with a holy mixture of seriousness, terror, love, and meekness!

¶ 148. But undoubtedly this private application is implied in those solemn words of the Apostle: "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing, to preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering."

¶ 149. O brethren, if we could but set this work on foot in all our Societies, and prosecute it zealously, what glory would redound to God! If the common lukewarmness were banished, and every shop, and every house, busied in speaking of the words and

works of God, surely God would dwell in our habitations, and make us his delight!

¶ 150. And this is absolutely necessary to the welfare of our people, some of whom neither repent nor believe to this day. Look around, and see how many of them are still in apparent danger of damnation. And how can you walk and talk, and be merry with such people, when you know their case? When you look them in the face, you should break forth into tears, as the prophet did when he looked upon Hazael, and then set upon them with the most vehement exhortations. O, for God's sake, and the sake of poor souls, bestir yourselves, and spare no pains that may conduce to their salvation! What cause have we to mourn before the Lord that we have so long neglected this good work! If we had but engaged in it sooner, how many more might have been brought to Christ! And how much holier and happier might our Societies have been before now! And why might we not have done it sooner? There were many hindrances; and so there always will be. But the greatest hindrance is in ourselves, in our littleness of faith and love.

¶ 151. But it is objected:

§ 1. "This will take up so much time that we shall not have leisure to follow our studies." We answer, 1. Gaining knowledge is a good thing, but saving souls is a better. 2. By this very thing you will gain the most excellent knowledge, that of God and eternity. 3. You will have time for gaining other knowledge, too, only sleep no more than you need, "and never be idle, nor triflingly employed." But, 4. If you can do but one, let your studies alone. We ought to throw by all the libraries in the world, rather than be guilty of the loss of one soul.

§ 2. "The people will not submit to it." If some will not, others will, and the success with them will repay all your labor. O let us herein follow the example of St. Paul! 1. For our general business, *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind*: 2. Our special work, *Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock*: 3. Our doctrine, *Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*: 4. The place, *I have taught you publicly, and from house to house*: 5. The object and manner of teaching, *I ceased not to warn everyone night and day, with tears*: 6. His innocence and self-denial herein, *I have coveted no man's silver or gold*: 7. His patience, *Neither count I my life dear unto myself*. And among all other motives let these be ever before our eyes: (1) *The Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*; (2) *Grievous wolves shall enter in; yea, of yourselves shall men arise, speaking perverse things*.

¶ 152. Write this upon your hearts, and it will do you more good than twenty years' study. Then you will have no time to spare: you will have work enough. Then likewise no Preacher will stay with us who is as salt that has lost its savor. For to such this employment would be mere drudgery. And in order to do it, you will have need of all the knowledge you can procure and grace you can attain.

¶ 153. The sum is, Go into every house in course, and teach everyone therein, young and old, to be Christians inwardly and outwardly: make every particular plain to their understandings: fix it in their minds: write it on their hearts. In order to this, there must be precept upon precept, line upon line. What patience, what love, what knowledge is requisite for this! We must needs do this, were it only to

avoid idleness. Do we not loiter away many hours in every week? Each try himself; no idleness is consistent with a growth in grace. Nay, without exactness in redeeming time you cannot retain the grace you receive in justification.

¶ 154. Why are we not more holy? why do we not live in eternity? walk with God all the day long? why are we not all devoted to God, breathing the whole spirit of missionaries? Chiefly because we are enthusiasts; looking for the end without using the means. To touch only upon two or three instances: Who of us rise at four, or even at five, when we do not preach? Do we know the obligation and benefit of fasting or abstinence? How often do we practice it? The neglect of this alone is sufficient to account for our feebleness and faintness of spirit. We are continually grieving the Holy Spirit of God by the habitual neglect of a plain duty. Let us amend from this hour.

¶ 155. In order to guard against Sabbath-breaking, evil-speaking, unprofitable conversation, lightness, expensiveness or gayety of apparel, and contracting debts without due care to discharge them, 1. Let us preach expressly on each of these heads. 2. Read in every Society the Sermon on Evil-speaking. 3. Let the Leaders closely examine and exhort every person to put away the accursed thing. 4. Let the Preachers warn every Society that none who is guilty herein can remain with us. 5. Extirpate out of our Church buying or selling goods which have not paid the duty laid upon them by government. Let none remain with us who will not totally abstain from evil in every kind and degree. Extirpate bribery—receiving anything, directly or indirectly—

for voting at any election. Show no respect to persons herein, but expel all that touch the accursed thing. And strongly advise our people to discountenance all treats given by candidates before or at elections; and not to be partakers, in any respect, of such iniquitous practices.

CHAPTER II

MINISTERS AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES

I. Reception on Trial¹

¶ 156. A Preacher is to be received on Trial by an Annual or Mission Conference.

¶ 157, § 1. He must (1) present a recommendation duly signed by the President and Secretary of the District Conference, or, where no District Conference exists, of the Quarterly Conference, of which he is a member; (2) give to the Annual or Mission Conference satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the studies prescribed for candidates for Reception on Trial; and (3) have previously deposited with the Committee on Conference Relations (¶ 81, § 2) written answers to the following questions, namely:

1. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in the work of the Ministry? Answer: No.

NOTE.—Like answers shall also be required of Ministers coming to us from other Churches.

¹See ¶ 617, § 5.

2. Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco?

Answer: Yes.

§ 2. Observe! Taking on Trial is entirely different from admitting a Preacher into Full Membership. One on Trial may be either admitted or rejected without doing him any wrong; otherwise it would be no trial at all.

¶ 158. While he is on Trial the Annual Conference alone has jurisdiction over the question of his authority to preach; and his continuance on Trial shall be equivalent to the renewal of his License to preach. If he shall be discontinued, he shall be a member of the Quarterly Conference of the Charge where he resides at the time; and, if he is not a Deacon or Elder, his License shall expire within one year unless it be renewed.

¶ 159. When an unordained Preacher is received on trial in an Annual Conference, and, without an ordained colleague, is regularly appointed to a Pastoral Charge by the Bishop presiding in said Conference; or when a Local Preacher, not on trial, is employed by the District Superintendent to supply a Pastoral Charge, in either case and as long as the above conditions exist, the Pastor or the pastoral supply so appointed shall be authorized to administer the Sacrament of Baptism; and also to solemnize Matrimony, if the laws of the State in which he lives permit.

¶ 160. At each Annual Conference those who are received on Trial or are admitted into Full Membership shall be asked whether they are willing to devote themselves to missionary work; and a list of the names of all those who are willing to do so shall be taken and reported to the Corresponding Secretaries

of the Board of Foreign Missions; and all such shall be considered as ready and willing to be employed as Missionaries whenever called for by any of the Bishops.

II. Admission into Full Membership

¶ 161. A Preacher on Trial who has been employed in the regular itinerant work on Circuits or Stations, or as instructor in one of our institutions of learning, for two successive years from the time he was received on Trial, may be admitted into Full Membership in the Annual Conference after he has given satisfactory evidence of his knowledge of the first two years of the Conference Course of Study, and after the examination before the Conference prescribed in ¶ 162; provided, this shall not be so construed as to prevent the reception into Full Membership of one who, while a student in some one of our literary schools or theological seminaries, has been for the proper length of time regularly employed as Pastor in a Circuit or Station under the appointment of the District Superintendent.¹

¶ 162. In admitting a Preacher at the Conference into Full Membership, after solemn fasting and prayer, he shall be asked, before the Conference, the following questions, with any others which may be thought necessary, namely:

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?

¹ The General Conference of 1924 declared that an applicant is not entitled to election to Membership in full connection until he has been on trial for the required length of time. (Report No. 16 of Committee on Judiciary, Item 28, adopted May 28, 1924.)

3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?

4. Are you earnestly striving after it?

5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?

6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?

7. Will you keep them?

8. Have you studied the Doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church?

9. After full examination do you believe that our Doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?

10. Will you preach and maintain them?

11. Have you studied our form of Church Discipline and Polity?

12. Do you approve our Church Government and Polity?

13. Will you support and maintain them?

14. Have you considered the Rules for a Preacher, especially those relating to Diligence, to Punctuality, and to Doing the Work to which you are assigned?

15. Will you keep them for conscience' sake?

16. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?

17. Will you visit from house to house?

18. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?

19. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?

NOTE.—The candidate for Admission into Full Membership must again deposit with the Committee on Conference Relations, written answers to the questions set forth in ¶ 157, § 1.

¶ 163. A Missionary employed in a Mission may

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be admitted into Full Membership, if recommended by the Superintendent of the Mission where he labors, without being present at his Annual Conference for examination; but whenever practicable he shall be asked the questions in ¶ 162, in the presence of the Members of the Mission at the Annual Meeting, otherwise in the presence of the Superintendent.

¶ 164. A Minister who has been located at his own request may be readmitted by an Annual Conference, at its discretion, upon his Certificate of Location and the recommendation of his Quarterly Conference and of the Annual Conference from which he located (¶ 169, § 1).

III. Ministers from Other Churches

¶ 165, § 1. Ministers duly accredited as in good standing in other Evangelical Churches until their withdrawal or dismissal therefrom, and having been blameless in life and doctrine thereafter, may be received into our ministry in the following manner:

The Quarterly Conference may receive them as Local Preachers not entitled to administer the Sacraments.

§ 2. Upon the recommendation of the District Conference, or of the Quarterly Conference where no District Conference exists, the Annual Conference may at any time thereafter recognize the Orders of those thus received; may at any time within two years thereafter, upon like recommendation, receive them into the Conference, either on Trial or in Full Membership; and may, at its discretion, require them

to pursue, in whole or in part, the Conference Course of Study. In case a Minister comes from a Church having but a single Order in its ministry, the Conference may receive him either as a Deacon or as an Elder.

§ 3. But the Ministers of the above description may apply directly to the Annual Conference, which may receive their Credentials from another Church, and, finding them of unquestionable validity and sufficiency, may exercise in behalf of said Ministers all the powers conferred in the preceding section.

§ 4. In all such cases the candidates for Admission into Full Membership must answer satisfactorily the questions set forth in § 162; and candidates who come from other than Methodist Churches before the recognition of their Orders, must take upon themselves our Ordination Vows, and give satisfactory evidence of their agreement with us in Doctrine and Discipline.

§ 5. The Annual Conference may also admit to equal grade Preachers who are on Trial in the ministry of another Methodist Church, using, however, special care that before they are admitted to Full Membership their examination be entirely satisfactory.

¶ 166. Wherever the Orders of a Minister are recognized according to the foregoing provisions, he shall be furnished with a Certificate, signed by the Bishop, in the following words, namely:

"This is to Certify that the.....Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having examined the Credentials of the Rev.....as..... (an Elder or a Deacon) of the.....Church, and

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having received other testimonials of his Grace, Gifts, and Usefulness; and being satisfied therewith, has this day accepted and recognized him in due form as.....(*an Elder or a Deacon*) in the Methodist Episcopal Church, entitled to exercise under its authority all the functions pertaining to that office, so long as his life and doctrine become the Gospel of Christ.

"Given under my hand and seal atthis
.....day of....., in the year of our Lord.....
"....., President."

¶ 167. When the Orders of a Minister of another Church shall have been duly recognized, his Certificate of Ordination by said Church shall be returned to him with the following inscription written plainly across its face:

"Accredited by the.....Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, this....day of....., 19.., as the basis of new Credentials.

"....., President.

"....., Secretary."

IV. Ministers in Official Positions

¶ 168. Traveling Preachers who are elected to official positions by the General Conference shall be Members of such Annual Conferences as, with the approbation of the Bishops, they may select.

V. Termination of Conference Membership

1. *By Location*¹

¶ 169, § 1. An Annual Conference, first having examined a Member's character at the session of the Conference when a request for Location is made, and finding him in good standing, may at his request grant him a Certificate of Location, provided such relation be granted only to persons who avowedly intend to discontinue regular ministerial or evangelistic work, which relation shall be certified by the President of the Conference. Such Minister shall thereupon hold his membership, as Local Elder or Deacon, in the Quarterly Conference where he resides (¶ 221, § 4), and may be readmitted by an Annual Conference, at its discretion, upon his Certificate of Location and the recommendation of his Quarterly Conference and of the Annual Conference from which he located. (¶ 164.)

§ 2. Whenever a Member of an Annual Conference applies for a Location it shall be asked: Is he indebted to The Book Concern? If it be ascertained that he is so indebted the Conference shall require him to secure said debt, if judged necessary or proper, before a Location is granted.

§ 3. A Member of the Conference who shall fail to complete the entire Course of Study within eight consecutive years from admission on trial shall be automatically located unless extension of time shall be granted as provided in ¶ 617, § 5, of the *Discipline*. No extension of time may be permitted after ten years in the Course of Study and failure to complete

¹ NOTE.—See also ¶ 187.

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it within that time shall automatically locate the Member of Conference concerned.

2. By the Surrender of Ministerial Office

¶ 170. Any Member of an Annual Conference in good standing, who may desire to surrender his Ministerial Office and withdraw from the Conference, may be allowed to do so by the Conference at its session; in which case his Credentials shall be filed with the papers of the Annual Conference of which he was a Member, and his membership in the Church shall be recorded in the Society where he resided at the time of such surrender.

3. By Being Deprived of the Ministerial Office

¶ 171. When it is alleged of a member of an Annual Conference that he is so unacceptable, or inefficient, or indifferent, or that his ministry is so seriously impaired by unministerial conduct, or other reasons, as to be no longer useful in his work, or that without reason of impaired health of himself or his family disqualifying him for pastoral work, he engages in secular business, he may, after due trial, be deprived of the Ministerial Office. (See ¶ 263.)

4. By Withdrawal

¶ 172, § 1. When a Minister in good standing withdraws to join the Ministry of another Church, his Credentials should be surrendered to the Conference, and, if he shall desire it, they may be returned to him with the following inscription written plainly across their face, namely:

"A..... B..... has this day been honorably dismissed by the.....Annual Conference from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Dated....., 18....., at....., O. T. 18.....

"....., President.

"....., Secretary."

§ 2. When in the interval of the Annual Conference a Member thereof shall deposit with a Bishop or with his District Superintendent a letter of withdrawal from our Ministry, or his Credentials, or both, the same shall be presented to the Annual Conference at its next session for its action thereon.

5. *By Judicial Procedure*

¶ 173. Conference Membership may be terminated also by Judicial Procedure.

For Causes and Methods, see ¶¶ 252-269.

CHAPTER III

DEACONS

¶ 174. A Deacon is constituted by the election of the Annual Conference and the laying on of the hands of a Bishop.

✓ ¶ 175. A Deacon has authority to preach; to conduct Divine Worship; to solemnize Matrimony; to administer Baptism; and to assist the Elder in administering the Lord's Supper.

¶ 176. Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the Office of Deacon:

§ 1. Those who (1) have been Local Preachers for four consecutive years; (2) shall present a recommendation for Deacon's Orders from the District Conference or from the Quarterly Conference where no District Conference exists, duly attested by the President and Secretary thereof; and (3) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the studies prescribed for Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacons' Orders.

NOTE.—Preachers on Trial in an Annual Conference are for purposes of ordination, as for amenability, considered as Local Preachers.

§ 2. Those who (1) have been Local Preachers for two full years; and (2) also at and during the same time have been regular students in one of our theological seminaries; (3) shall have been received on Trial; and (4) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study.

§ 3. Those who (1) have been on Trial in an Annual Conference for two years, and (2) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study.

§ 4. Those Preachers on Trial who shall be appointed by a Bishop to a foreign Mission, or to a remote field in any Conference, or to a Church in a foreign country outside of the boundary of a Mission or Annual Conference, or to a Chaplaincy in the Army or Navy, in a Prison, Reformatory, Sanatorium, or a Charitable Institution, provided, that the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents recommend such election.

CHAPTER IV

ELDERS

¶ 177. An Elder is constituted by the election of the Annual Conference, and by the laying on of the hands of a Bishop and of some of the Elders who are present.

✓ ¶ 178. An Elder has authority to preach; to conduct Divine Worship; to solemnize Matrimony, and to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

¶ 179. Preachers of the following classes are eligible to the Office of Elder:

§ 1. Those who (1) have been for four consecutive years Local Deacons, or shall have served as regularly appointed Supply Pastors for two full years after having been ordained Deacons, (2) shall present a recommendation for Elder's Orders from the District Conference or from the Quarterly Conference where no District Conference exists, duly attested by the President and Secretary thereof; and (3) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the Studies prescribed for Local Deacons who are candidates for Elder's Orders.

NOTE 1.—Preachers on Trial in an Annual Conference are for purposes of ordination, as for amenability, considered as Local Preachers.

NOTE 2.—The Election of such Preachers to Elder's Orders properly precedes their Admission to Full Membership.

§ 2. Those who (1) have been elected to full membership in the Annual Conference, (2) have been for two consecutive years immediately preceding such election Local Deacons, and (3) have completed, satisfactorily to the Annual Conference, the first two years of the Conference Course of Study.

§ 3. Those who (1) have been in Full Membership in the Annual Conference for two successive years, and (2) also Deacons during the same time, and (3) shall have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study.

§ 4. Those who (1) have been received on Trial, and elected to the office of Deacon under the provision of ¶ 176, § 2; (2) have completed, satisfactorily to the Conference, the Conference Course of Study, and (3) have been admitted into Full Membership.

§ 5. Those who (1) are members of, or have been received on Trial in an Annual Conference, and (2) have been appointed to a Chaplaincy in the Army, or Navy, or to a foreign Mission, or to the Pastorate of a Church in a foreign country outside of a Mission or Conference, or to a Mission among foreign people within an English-speaking Conference.

¶ 180. When a Preacher shall have passed his examination, and shall have been admitted into Full Membership, and elected to the Office of Deacon, but fails of his Ordination through the absence of the Bishop, his eligibility to the Office of Elder shall count from the time of his election to the Office of Deacon.

¶ 181. The Annual Conferences in India are authorized, with the concurrence of the Bishop presid-

ing, to elect to the Office of Deacon or Elder, Local Preachers who have been engaged in the regular work for two years, or four years, respectively.

CHAPTER V

PASTORS (Preachers in Charge)

1. *Duties*

¶ 182. The duties of the Pastor of a Station or Circuit are:

§ 1. To have the oversight of the other Preachers in his Pastoral Charge.

§ 2. To appoint Class or Unit Leaders; to change them when he deems it necessary, and to examine each of them, with all possible exactness, at least once a Quarter, concerning his method of leading a Class.

§ 3. To receive persons into preparatory membership and instruct them in the doctrines, rules, and regulations of the Church according to the Preparatory Members' Manual officially provided; to receive persons into Full Membership when properly recommended; to receive and dismiss members by Certificate, and to administer the Discipline within his Pastoral Charge.

§ 4. To read and explain the General Rules at least once a year in each Congregation.

§ 5. To appoint Prayer Meetings wherever advisable in his Pastoral Charge.

§ 6. To arrange the appointments, wherever practicable, so as to give the Local Preachers regular and systematic employment on the Sabbath.

§ 7. To license such persons as he may deem proper to officiate as Exhorters in the Church, according to the provisions of the Discipline, ¶ 227.

§ 8. To hold Watch-night Meetings yearly, and Love Feasts quarterly, suffering no Love Feast to last above an hour and a half; to hold Quarterly Meetings in the absence of the District Superintendent and of the Traveling Elder appointed by him as his substitute and to serve as President of the Official Board.

§ 9. To take care that every Society be supplied with our Church literature.

§ 10. To form Classes of the larger children, youth, and adults for instruction in the Word of God, and to attend to all the duties prescribed for the training of children. ¶¶ 51-54.

§ 11. To catechize the children publicly in the Sunday School, at special meetings appointed for that purpose, and also privately; to report to each Quarterly Conference the extent to which he has done this work.

§ 12. To organize and maintain, if practicable, Chapters of the Epworth League and of the Junior Epworth League.

§ 13. To organize and maintain, if practicable, Ladies' Aid Societies.

✓§ 14. To organize and maintain, if practicable, a Home Department in the Sunday School.

§ 15. To examine the accounts of the Stewards.

§ 16. To see that the Stewards provide, whenever practicable, unfermented wine for use in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

§ 17. To teach the duty of Christian Stewardship in accordance with Special Advices, ¶ 71.

§ 18. In the absence of any other financial plan to appoint a person to receive the quarterly collection in the Classes.

§ 19. To see that public collections be made quarterly if need be.

§ 20. To call the Committee on Temperance together at least once in three months for the purpose of considering the best means to be employed for promoting the cause of Temperance in the community.

§ 21. To recommend everywhere decency and cleanliness.

§ 22. To attend to the duties enjoined upon Pastors in reference to Conference Claimants, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Education, Sunday Schools, Religious Education, Good Literature, Social and Recreational Life, Education for Negroes, and the distribution of Tracts; to form societies and take collections in aid of these objects in such manner as the *Discipline* shall direct.

§ 23. To take a collection or subscription, the proceeds of which shall be at the disposal of the Pastor for the distribution of Tracts, if the Annual Conference shall not give other directions on the subject.

§ 24. To take an annual collection in behalf of the American Bible Society.

§ 25. To take a collection during each of the three Conference years preceding the session of the General Conference to aid in providing for the expenses of the General Conference, Judicial Conferences, Fraternal Delegates, and such General Conference Commissions as do not relate to the publishing interests.

§ 26. To take an annual collection in behalf of Sunday Schools, and to see that a collection be taken annually in each Sunday School for this cause.

§ 27. To register carefully Marriages and Baptisms.

§ 28. To give an account of the Charge every Quarter to the District Superintendent.

§ 29. At the close of each Conference year to make a Visiting List of members in towns and cities, by streets and numbers, and to leave it to his successor, together with a particular account of his Charge and a list of subscribers for our periodicals.

2. Reports

¶ 183. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to prepare properly and to present the following reports:

§ 1. To make an exact report to the Annual Conference of all the items required for the Statistics of the Conference, and to deliver to the Conference Treasurer all moneys raised for benevolent causes, or satisfactory vouchers for the same (¶ 88, §§ 2, 3, 4), using the form prescribed in ¶¶ 91 and 92; and to report in open Conference whether or not he has presented the claims of the benevolent causes according to the requirements of the *Discipline*.

§ 2. To furnish the necessary data to the Com-

mittee on Church Records for Report to the Quarterly Conference (¶ 110, § 2).

§ 3. To make a written report at each Quarterly Conference in the order set forth in the following form:

The Preacher in Charge presents the following

Quarterly Report

of.....Charge to the.....Quarterly Conference held at..... 19....

I. Changes in Membership

For items under this heading see Report of Committee on Church Records (¶ 110, § 2).

II. Sunday Schools and Religious Instruction

1. Number and Condition of Schools.
2. Number of Sermons Preached by the Pastor to the Children.
3. Other Religious Instruction conducted:
 - (a) with Children; (b) with Adults; (c) Teacher Training Classes.
4. Extent to which the Sunday School Roll has been utilized for Pastoral Visitation.

III. Pastoral Labor

1. Number of Pastoral Visits.
2. Other Items.

IV. Subscribers for Periodicals

[NOTE.—To be reported only at Fourth Quarterly Conference.]

1.Christian Advocate.
2. Methodist Review.
3. Sunday School Journal.
4. The Target and The Portal.

5. The Classmate.
6. Epworth Herald.
7. Other Periodicals.

V. *Benevolent Collections this Quarter*

See Report of Benevolence Treasurer (¶ 108, IV, B).

3. *Special Restrictions*

¶ 184. No Pastor shall engage an Evangelist other than one of his own Conference appointed by the Bishop, or an Evangelist at Large (¶ 208, § 4 (8); ¶ 209), without first obtaining the written consent of his District Superintendent. (¶ 190, § 23.)

¶ 185. No preaching place shall be discontinued in the intervals between the sessions of the Annual Conference without the consent and advice of the Quarterly Conference and of the District Superintendent; and if thus discontinued, the names of the members shall be transferred to such contiguous Classes as the members may select.

CHAPTER VI

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

¶ 186. Any Minister who has been in effective relation to any Annual Conference or Conferences for ten consecutive years may have a leave of absence for one year without losing his relationship as an Effective Minister. This is to permit travel, study, rest, etc. This leave of absence may be granted by the Bishop on vote of the Annual Conference to which the Minister belongs, after said Minister has given written notice to his District Superintendent, or after

the District Superintendent has given notice to the Bishop, not later than the first day of the session of the Annual Conference, of his intention to request such leave of absence. It shall not be granted to any one man more frequently than one year in seven.

CHAPTER VII

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

¶ 187. A Supernumerary Minister is one who, because of impaired health, or other equally sufficient reason, is temporarily unable to perform full work, or who engages in any form of detached service not listed among the appointments the Bishop may make. This relation shall not be granted for more than five years in succession except by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, and a statement of the reasons for such recommendation. He may receive an appointment, or be left without one, according to the judgment of the Annual Conference of which he is a Member; and he shall be subject to all the limitations of the Discipline in respect to reappointment and continuance in the same Charge that apply to Effective Ministers. In case he has no Pastoral Charge he shall have a seat in the Quarterly Conference, and all the privileges of membership, in the place where he resides. He shall report to the fourth Quarterly Conference and to the Pastor all Marriages solemnized and all Baptisms administered. Should he reside beyond the bounds of his Annual Conference, he shall forward to it annually a certificate similar

to that required of a Retired Minister, and in case of failure to do so the Annual Conference may locate him without his consent. He shall have no claim on the Conference funds except by vote of the Conference; such claim to be paid out of the necessitous fund.

CHAPTER VIII

RETIRED MINISTERS

¶ 188, § 1. A Retired Minister is one who, at his own request or by the action of the Annual Conference, has been placed in the retired relation.

§ 2. Any member of an Annual Conference who is in good standing and has reached the age of sixty-five years, may ask for a retired relation, and upon his request shall be placed in the retired relation. Any member of an Annual Conference who is in good standing may be placed in the retired relation by the Annual Conference if such relation is recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations. (See ¶ 81, § 4.)

§ 3. Every Retired Minister who is not employed as Pastor of a Charge shall have a seat in the Quarterly Conference, and all the privileges of membership in the Church where he resides. He shall report to the fourth Quarterly Conference and to the Pastor all Marriages solemnized and all Baptisms administered. If he reside without the bounds of the Conference of which he is a Member, he shall forward annually to his Conference a certificate of his Christian and Ministerial conduct, together with an account of the number and circumstances of his family,

signed by the District Superintendent of the District or the Pastor of the Charge within whose bounds he resides, without which certificate the Conference shall not be required to allow his claim, and may, after due notice and due form and record of trial, locate him without his consent.

CHAPTER IX

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

¶ 189. District Superintendents are to be chosen and appointed by the Bishops. ¶¶ 207, 208.

¶ 190. The duties of a District Superintendent are:

§ 1. To travel throughout his District.

§ 2. In the absence of a Bishop to take charge of all the Traveling Ministers, Local Preachers, and Exhorters in his District, as the *Discipline* directs.

§ 3. To change the appointments of the Preachers in his District, if necessary, during the interval between the sessions of the Conference, in the absence of a Bishop.

§ 4. To preside in the District Conference in the absence of a Bishop. ¶ 99.

§ 5. To be present as far as practicable at all the Quarterly Meetings, and at each to call together the Quarterly Conference to transact the business assigned to it by the *Discipline*.

§ 6. To issue Licenses and to renew them, in accordance with the action of the District or Quarterly Conferences. ¶ 220, § 1.

§ 7. To oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the Church in his District.

§ 8. To see that all Charters, Deeds, and other conveyances of Church property in his District conform strictly to the *Discipline* and to the laws, usages, and forms of the Country, State or Territory within which such property is situated.

§ 9. To see that all Church property is well insured.

§ 10. To promote by all proper means the interests of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Education, Education for Negroes, Sunday Schools, Conference Claimants, Epworth League, Junior Epworth League, Temperance, and Ladies' Aid Societies, to administer the rules of the Church as to these and other benevolent causes, and to secure conformity thereto on the part of both Pastors and Quarterly Conferences and to report in open Conference whether or not the provisions of the *Discipline* for the support of the various benevolences of the Church have been carried out in his District.

§ 11. To inquire carefully in every Charge if the apportionment for the Episcopal Fund has been paid in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline*.

§ 12. To inquire carefully in every Charge if the apportionments for the expenses of the General Conference and other general expenses of the Church have been paid.

§ 13. To report to the Annual Conference the condition and statistics of the literary and theological institutions located in his District, and under the care of our Church.

§ 14. To inquire carefully at each Quarterly Conference if the rules respecting the instruction of

children, including instruction in Temperance, have been observed.

§ 15. To make diligent inquiry at each Quarterly Conference as to the social and recreational program provided for the young people.

§ 16. To inquire carefully at each Quarterly Conference if the provisions for the *pro rata* division of the several claims for Ministerial Support have been observed. ¶¶ 328, § 7; 610.

§ 17. To see in his District that every part of our *Discipline* is enforced.

§ 18. To decide all Questions of Law involved in proceedings pending in a District or Quarterly Conference, subject to an appeal to the President of the next Annual Conference. But in all cases the application of law shall be with the Conference.

§ 19. To attend the Bishop when he is present in the District, and when he is absent to give him by letter all necessary information as to the state of the District.

§ 20. To furnish to the Board of Foreign Missions and to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, prior to the annual meetings of the said Boards, a written statement of the condition of the Missions under his care and of their pecuniary needs.

§ 21. To direct the attention of candidates for the Ministry to the advantages of a thorough training in the literary and theological schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also to direct those who are admitted on Trial in the Annual Conference to the Courses of Study prescribed by the Bishops.

§ 22. To explain to Preachers on Trial, as well as to those who are to be proposed for reception on Trial, that the Annual Conference may refuse to

admit them to Full Membership without doing them any wrong.

§ 23. To recommend to the Pastors on his District such Evangelists as he deems advisable, provided that he shall not consent to the employment of any lay Evangelist who has not a certificate of character from the official body of the denomination to which he belongs, and that such certificate is not over one year old.

¶ 191. If any Pastor absent himself from his Charge the District Superintendent shall fill his place, if possible, with another Preacher, who shall be paid for his labors out of the allowance of the absent Pastor, and in proportion thereto.

¶ 192. A District Superintendent shall not employ a Preacher who has been rejected by the previous Annual Conference, unless the Conference give him authority to do so.

¶ 193. A District Superintendent or a Preacher acting under the authority of the District Superintendent may organize a local Church by calling together the persons interested, receiving them into the Church as preparatory members, or by letter, or on profession of faith from other denominations; and by appointing Class Leaders, Stewards, and such other Church officers as may be necessary for the initial period of the Charge, until it is in condition to be more fully organized in the regular way according to the Book of *Discipline*.

CHAPTER X

MISSIONARY BISHOPS

¶ 194. A Missionary Bishop is a Bishop elected for a specified Foreign Mission field, with full Episcopal powers, but with Episcopal jurisdiction limited to the Foreign Mission field for which he was elected.

¶ 195. A Missionary Bishop is amenable for his conduct to the General Conference, as is a General Superintendent, and shall receive his support from the Episcopal Fund, as authorized by the General Conference.

¶ 196. A Missionary Bishop is not, in the meaning of the Discipline, a General Superintendent.

¶ 197. The election of a Missionary Bishop carries with it his assignment to a specified Foreign Mission field, and such Bishop cannot be made a General Superintendent except by a distinct election to that office.

¶ 198. When two or more Missionary Bishops are located in the same Foreign Mission field they shall have coordinate authority.

¶ 199. A Missionary Bishop is not subordinate to the General Superintendents, but is of coordinate authority in the field to which he is appointed. In the practical application of this coordinate authority, when the General Superintendents are making their assignments to the Conferences, any Missionary Bishop who may be in the United States shall sit with them when his field is under consideration; and arrangements shall be made so that once in

every quadrennium, and not oftener unless a serious emergency arises, every Mission over which a Missionary Bishop has jurisdiction shall be administered conjointly by a General Superintendent and the Missionary Bishop. In case of a difference of judgment between them the existing status shall continue, unless overruled by the General Superintendents, who shall have power to decide finally.

¶ 200. The names of the Missionary Bishops shall be printed in the Book of *Discipline* and the Methodist Hymnal below the names of the Bishops, under the title, "Missionary Bishops."

¶ 201. A Missionary Bishop in his field shall cooperate with the Board of Foreign Missions precisely as a General Superintendent is expected to cooperate with said Board in a Foreign Mission field over which he has Episcopal charge.

¶ 202. When a Missionary Bishop, by death or for other cause, ceases to perform Episcopal duty for the foreign field to which he was assigned by the General Conference, the General Superintendents shall at once take supervision of said field.

¶ 203. The transfer of a Preacher from a field within the jurisdiction of a Missionary Bishop to a Conference under the Episcopal supervision of a General Superintendent, or from a Conference under the Episcopal Supervision of a General Superintendent to a field within the jurisdiction of a Missionary Bishop, shall require mutual agreement between the two Bishops; and a similar agreement shall be required between the two Bishops having charge when the proposed transfer is between two foreign fields over which there are Missionary Bishops.

CHAPTER XI

BISHOPS

I. How Constituted

¶ 204. A Bishop shall be constituted by the election of the General Conference and the laying on of the hands of three Bishops, or at least of one Bishop and two Elders.

¶ 205. If by death, or otherwise, there be no Bishop remaining in our Church, the General Conference shall elect a Bishop, and the Elders, or any three of them who shall be appointed by the General Conference for that purpose, shall consecrate him according to the Ritual.

II. Amenability

¶ 206. A Bishop is amenable for his conduct to the General Conference, which also shall have power to order the manner of a trial.

III. Duties

¶ 207. The duties of a Bishop are:

§ 1. To preside in the Annual Conferences.

§ 2. To form the Districts according to his judgment.

§ 3. To fix the appointments of the Preachers under the provisions and limitations stated in ¶ 208.

§ 4. To appoint the Deaconesses. ¶ 494, §§ 5 (19), 6.

§ 5. To fix, either within their own Conference or within the Conference where they attend school, the Quarterly Conference membership of all Ministers who are left without appointment to attend some one of our schools.

§ 6. In the interval between the sessions of the Annual Conference, to change the appointments of the Preachers, as necessity may require and the *Discipline* direct.

§ 7. To travel through the Connection at large.

§ 8. To oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the Church.

§ 9. To preside in the District Conference.

§ 10. To consecrate Bishops, and Ordain Elders and Deacons.

§ 11. To decide all Questions of Law involved in proceedings pending in an Annual Conference, subject to appeal to the General Conference. But in all cases the application of law shall be with the Conference.

§ 12. Upon transferring a Member of an Annual Conference, to send immediate notice of such transfer to the Secretary of the Conference from which said Member is transferred and to the Secretary of the Conference to which the transfer is made.

§ 13. To organize such Annual Missions as shall have been authorized by the General Conference.

¶ 208. The following provisions and limitations

shall be observed by the Bishop when fixing the appointments:

§ 1. He shall appoint Preachers to Pastoral Charges annually after consultation with the Superintendents of the Districts in which such charges are located.

§ 2. He shall choose and appoint the District Superintendents annually. He shall not allow a District Superintendent to preside in the same district more than six consecutive years, nor more than six years in any consecutive twelve in the same Annual Conference. Nevertheless, if in any District the term of six years shall expire in the interval between the sessions of the Annual Conference, he may continue him until the next session, provided the time shall not be more than six months; but District Superintendents in either Missions or Mission Conferences, or in Annual Conferences in foreign fields, may be continued on the same District for more than six consecutive years.

§ 3. He may make the following appointments annually, provided that no Member of an Annual Conference shall be appointed to any form of service outside the regularly constituted organizations of the Methodist Episcopal Church except chaplains in the Army and Navy, unless such appointment is recommended by the District Superintendents and confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference to which he belongs:

(1) The Corresponding Secretaries, Assistant Corresponding Secretaries, and Recording Secretaries of our Connectional Benevolent Boards and Societies.

(2) The Publishing Agents at New York, Cincinnati, and Chicago.

- (3) The Editors and Assistant Editors at New York, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco, Portland, New Orleans, and Athens, Tenn., and the Editor of *Zion's Herald*.
- (4) Chaplains in the Army and Navy, and to Prisons, Reformatories, Sanatoriums, and Charitable Institutions.
- (5) Preachers for Seamen.
- (6) Ministers in the service of the American Bible Society, or of any State Bible Society auxiliary thereto; or of the Sunday League of America.
- (7) The Presidents, Principals, and Teachers of institutions of learning under our care.
- (8) The Secretaries and Superintendents of City Missions.

§ 4. On the recommendation of the District Superintendents, confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference, he may appoint:

- (1) An Agent to travel throughout such Conference for the purpose of distributing Tracts.
- (2) An Agent or Agents to promote the cause of Temperance.
- (3) Instructors in Institutions of Learning not under our care.
- (4) An Agent or Agents for the benefit of our Institutions of Learning.
- (5) An Agent for the German Publishing Fund.
- (6) Agents for other benevolent institutions.

- (7) Editors of unofficial Papers or Magazines published in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church; provided, that in no such case shall the Church incur any financial responsibility.
- (8) A Bishop may appoint one or more members of an Annual Conference to do evangelistic work on Charges or in neglected territory when requested to do so by the Annual Conference, two-thirds of the members thereof present and voting. Members of the Conference appointed to do this shall be Conference Evangelists, they shall labor under the direction of the District Superintendents; provided, that the evangelistic work done on any Charge shall be done with the consent of the Pastor. It shall be the duty of each Conference Evangelist, at the end of the Conference year, to make a full written report to his Annual Conference concerning his meetings, employment of his time, results and compensation.
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IV. Powers

¶ 209. The Board of Bishops may appoint a limited number of members of Annual Conferences, who shall be Evangelists-at-large. It shall be the duty of each Evangelist-at-large, at the end of the Conference year, to make a full report to his Annual Conference concerning his meetings, employment of his time, results and compensation.

¶ 210, § 1. There shall be a Permanent Commission

on Courses of Study, to be appointed as follows: Three Bishops, and three other Ministers, to be appointed by the Board of Bishops; three members from the faculties of the educational institutions of the Church, nominated by the Board of Education, to be appointed by the Board of Bishops, and the Book Editor, *ex officio*.

§ 2. The Commission shall prescribe the Courses of Study upon which those applying for License to preach, for Orders as Local Preachers, and for Reception on Trial, respectively, shall be examined; also a Course of Study for Local Preachers extending through four years; and a Conference Course of Study extending through four years to be pursued by those who have been received on Trial in the Annual Conference; it being understood that only such books shall be prescribed as are in full and hearty accord with those doctrines and that outline of faith established in the constitution of the Church; and that the *Discipline*, with some special emphasis upon the Articles of Religion, and the standard sermons of John Wesley, recognized as standards in American Methodism, shall be included in the Conference Course. It shall bring its recommendation as to the constitution of these courses and the texts to be used to the Board of Bishops for final approval. It shall at the same time communicate them to any member of the Church who may make such request. It may provide means for carrying on the work of the Conference Course of Study by correspondence, and may also provide a Postgraduate course of Study for use in the Annual Conferences.

§ 3. This Commission shall cooperate in every possible manner with the Conference Board of Exam-

iners, giving such assistance as may be desired in directing and aiding students in their study, in the matter of the plans and methods of examination, and in any other way that will help to make these courses an effective means of training.

¶ 211. A Bishop may leave without appointment a Preacher on Trial or a Member of an Annual Conference who desires to attend any of our literary or theological seminaries, whenever he shall be requested to do so by the Annual Conference and it shall seem to him expedient; provided, however, that the time thus spent in school shall not count on that required for Trial in the Annual Conference, except when at least two full years shall have been spent in regular work under appointment by a District Superintendent who, together with the Quarterly Conference, certifies to the efficiency of his work. A preacher thus left without appointment may be employed as a supply in another Conference by a District Superintendent without being transferred. (See note under ¶ 161.)

¶ 212. Bishops are relieved from the duty of investigating and reporting upon charges of erroneous teaching in our theological schools; but when charges of that nature are made to, or laid before them, they may refer the same without action thereon to the Annual Conference of which the accused is a member for such proceeding as such Conference may deem appropriate in the premises. If, however, the Professor be a layman, the charges shall be sent to his Pastor and he shall be brought to trial according to the provisions of ¶ 256 of the *Discipline*. But in case the complaints affect the manner of teaching, or personal fitness, and not doctrinal soundness, the

Bishops, after due consideration, shall communicate their judgment in the case to the governing board of the school directly concerned.

¶ 213. A Bishop, when he judges it necessary, may unite two or more Pastoral Charges for Quarterly Conference purposes, without affecting their separate financial interests or pastoral relations.

¶ 214, § 1. A General Superintendent who by reason of impaired health is temporarily unable to perform full work may be released by the General Conference from the obligation to travel through the Connection at large. He may choose the place of his residence, and the Bishops shall be at liberty to assign him to such work as he may be able to perform. He shall receive his support as provided in ¶ 329, § 1. This release shall not be granted for more than one quadrennium.

§ 2. If a Bishop cease from traveling at large among the people without the consent of the General Conference he shall not thereafter exercise, in any degree, the Episcopal Office in our Church.

¶ 215. In case there be no Bishop to travel at large through the Districts and exercise the Episcopal Office, on account of death or otherwise, the Districts shall be regulated in every respect, ordination excepted, by the Annual Conferences and the District Superintendents in the interval of the sessions of the General Conference.

CHAPTER XII

RETIRED BISHOPS

I. General Superintendents

¶ 216, § 1. A General Superintendent who has reached the age of seventy years may be released both from the obligation to travel through the Connection at large, and from that of residential supervision, by giving notice in writing to the Board of Bishops that he so elects; and when a General Superintendent has been released, in this manner, the Board of Bishops shall report the fact to the Book Committee and to the next General Conference.

§ 2. A General Superintendent, at the close of the General Conference nearest his seventy-third birthday, shall be released from the obligation to travel through the Connection at large, and from residential supervision.

§ 3. A General Superintendent at any age and for any reason deemed sufficient by the General Conference, may be released by that body from the obligation to travel through the Connection at large, and from residential supervision.

II. Missionary Bishops

¶ 217, § 1. A Missionary Bishop who has reached the age of seventy years may be released from the obligation to travel through the Foreign Mission field for which he was elected, by giving notice in writing to the Board of Bishops, the Board of Foreign Mis-

sions, and the Book Committee; and when a Missionary Bishop has been released in this manner, the Board of Bishops shall report the fact to the next General Conference.

§ 2. A Missionary Bishop, at the close of the General Conference nearest his seventy-third birthday, shall be released from the obligation to travel through the Foreign Mission field for which he was elected.

§ 3. A Missionary Bishop, at any age and for any reason deemed sufficient by the General Conference, may be released by that body from the obligation to travel through the Foreign Mission field for which he was elected.

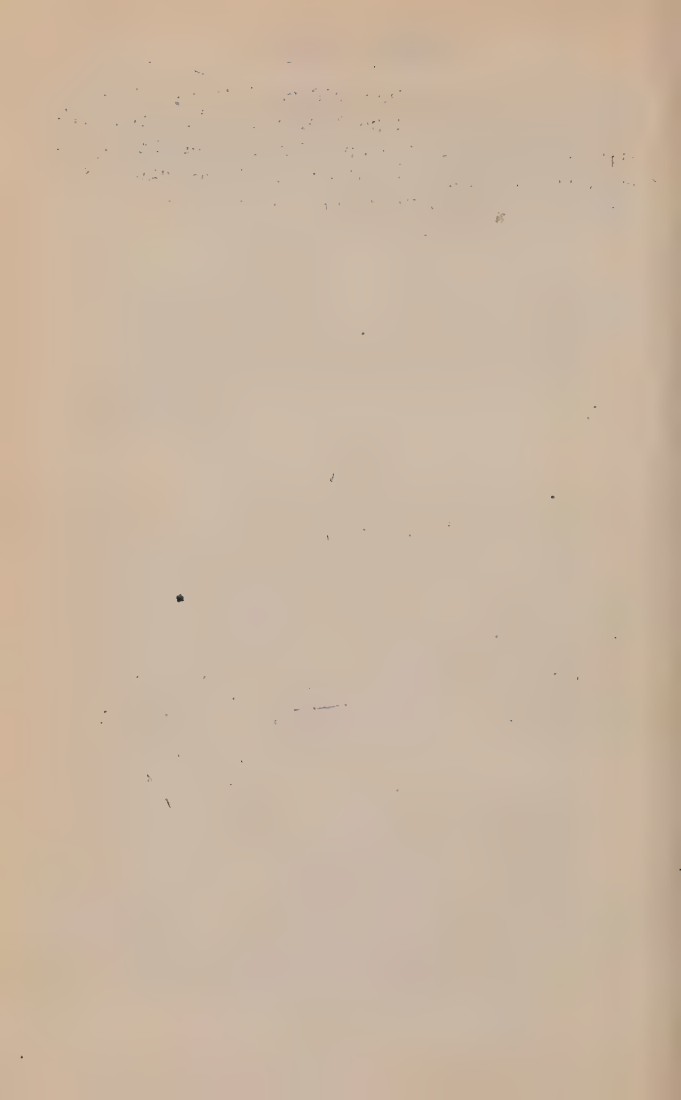
III. General Provisions

¶ 218, § 1. A General Superintendent who has been released from the obligation to travel through the Connection at large in accordance with any of the foregoing provisions shall not preside thereafter over any Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission, nor make appointments, nor preside at the General Conference, but may take the chair temporarily in any Conference if requested to do so by the Bishop presiding. He shall be an advisory member of the Board of Bishops.

§ 2. When a Missionary Bishop is released in any of the cases aforesaid, he shall not preside thereafter in any Conference nor make appointments.

§ 3. A General Superintendent or a Missionary Bishop who has been released under any of the foregoing provisions may continue to exercise all the rights and privileges which pertain to the Episcopal office, except as herein otherwise provided.

§ 4. The point of time midway between two General Conferences shall be deemed to fall at the division between May 15th and May 16th of the second calendar year following the year of the regular session of the General Conference.



PART IV

**LOCAL PREACHERS, EXHORTERS,
DEACONESSES**

- I. LOCAL PREACHERS**
- II. EXHORTERS**
- III. DEACONESSES**

CHAPTER I

LOCAL PREACHERS¹

¶ 219. Wherever a District Conference exists, the powers hereinafter conferred on Quarterly Conferences in relation to Local Preachers and Exhorters shall be exercised only by the District Conference; but it shall not license any persons to preach, nor renew the License of any persons to preach or exhort, nor recommend any Local Preachers to the Annual Conference for Orders or for Recognition of Orders or for Reception on Trial, without the previous recommendation of the Quarterly Conference, or of the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting of the Pastoral Charge of which such persons or Preachers are members, and no member of the Church shall be at liberty to preach without a license.

¶ 220. The Quarterly Conference, where no District Conference exists, shall have authority:

§ 1. To license proper persons to preach; provided, they shall have been previously recommended by the Society of which they are members, or by the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting; or the Official Board; shall have passed a satisfactory examination in the studies prescribed for candidates for License to preach; shall have been examined in the presence of the Quarterly Conference on the subject of Doctrine and Discipline, and also shall have answered satisfactorily the questions, "Will you wholly abstain from the use of

¹The provisions of ¶¶ 219-226 include women, except in so far as they apply to candidates for the traveling ministry.

tobacco?" and "Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in the work of the ministry?" (See ¶ 157, § 1, (3), 1 and 2.)

§ 2. To examine Local Preachers in the Course of Study prescribed for them; to inquire into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of each by name, and to renew their licenses annually when in the judgment of the Conference their gifts, grace, and usefulness, and their faithfulness and proficiency in study, warrant such renewal. In the case of Local Preachers who are candidates for the traveling ministry, examinations may be suspended while they are pursuing regular courses of study in our theological seminaries or in universities or colleges approved by the University Senate.

§ 3. To recommend to the Annual Conference Local Preachers who are suitable candidates for Deacons' or Elders' Orders (¶ 176, § 1; ¶ 179, § 1), for Recognition of Orders (¶ 165, §§ 1, 2), for Readmission (¶ 164), or for Reception on Trial (¶ 157, § 1); such candidates having been previously examined in the presence of the Quarterly Conference on the subject of Doctrine and Discipline.

§ 4. To try, suspend, deprive of Ministerial Office and Credentials, expel, or acquit any Local Preacher of the Circuit or Station against whom Charges shall have been preferred. ¶¶ 270-277.

NOTE.—For the Licensing, Amenability, and Appeal of Local Preachers in Missions in the United States and Territories, see ¶ 278, §§ 1, 2.

¶ 221, § 1. Local Preachers, ordained or unordained, not having a Pastoral Charge, shall be members of, and amenable to, the Quarterly Conference where they reside. And when they shall change their residence they shall procure from the Pastor of

the Charge from which they remove, or from the District Superintendent, a Certificate of their Official Standing and of Dismissal, and shall present it to the Pastor of the Charge to which they remove. If they neglect to do this they shall not be recognized nor use their office as Local Preachers in the Charge to which they have removed; and they shall continue to be amenable to the Quarterly Conference of the Charge from which they have removed, which, if the neglect be long continued, after due notice may try them for persistent disobedience to the order of the Church, and upon conviction thereof deprive them of Ministerial Office and Credentials.

§ 2. Local Preachers appointed to a Pastoral Charge shall procure from the Pastor of the Charge from which they remove, or from the District Superintendent, a Certificate of their Official Standing and of Dismissal, and at its next session shall present it to the Quarterly Conference of the Pastoral Charge to which they have been appointed, and their Church and Quarterly Conference membership shall be in that Charge.

§ 3. Unordained Local Preachers, only while serving as regularly appointed Pastors of Charges, shall be authorized to administer the rite of Baptism, and when the laws of the State permit, to solemnize Matrimony, but in all foreign mission fields, power to authorize them to solemnize Matrimony shall rest with the Central Mission Conferences in which they are Pastors.

§ 4. Whenever a Preacher is located or discontinued by an Annual Conference, he shall thereupon hold his Quarterly Conference membership where he resides at the time of location or discontinuance.

§ 5. Whenever Local Preachers, ordained or unordained, shall sever their relation with the Methodist Episcopal Church by removal therefrom by note of recommendation, or withdrawal, or in any other way, they shall deposit their credentials with the proper authorities.

¶ 222. District Superintendents and the Pastors are required to arrange the appointments, wherever it is practicable, so as to give the Local Preachers regular and systematic employment on the Sabbath.

¶ 223. Local Preachers shall be enrolled in Classes or Units, and meet therein. They shall make to the District or Quarterly Conference a report of their labors, as follows: 1. Number of Sermons preached. 2. Number of Prayer Meetings attended. 3. Number of Class Meetings attended. 4. Number of Sunday Schools attended. 5. Number of Funerals conducted. 6. Miscellaneous Items. They shall also report (1) the Number of Marriages solemnized, with the names of persons married; and (2) the Number of Baptisms administered, with the names and ages of the persons baptized, that due entry may be made by the Pastor in the Church Records.

¶ 224. Local Preachers filling the place of Pastors, with the approbation of the District Superintendent, shall be paid for their time a sum proportioned to the allowance of the Pastor, which sum shall be paid by the Charge at the next Quarterly Meeting, if the Pastor whose place has been filled was either sick or necessarily absent; and in other cases, out of the allowance of the Pastor.

¶ 225. Local Preachers who are distressed in temporal circumstances on account of their service in a Pastoral Charge, may apply to the Quarterly Con-

ference, which may give such relief as is judged proper, after the claims for ministerial support shall have been paid.

¶ 226. Authority is hereby given to the Annual Conferences to take such measures as they may deem wise to create a Permanent Endowment Fund, or to raise money for annual distribution for Retired Local Preachers who may have served fifteen consecutive years or more (giving their entire time as pastors to the work of the Church), and for the widows and minor children of such deceased Local Preachers. The Annual Conference shall administer the funds and distribute the income to necessitous cases through its Board of Stewards, as the Annual Conference may determine. (Appendix, ¶¶ 484, § 4; 612.)

CHAPTER II

EXHORTERS

¶ 227. Exhorters shall be constituted by the recommendation of the Class of which they are members, or of the Leaders and Stewards' Meetings of the Charge, and a License signed by the Pastor.

¶ 228. The duties of an Exhorter are, to hold Meetings for Prayer and Exhortation wherever opportunity is afforded, subject to the direction of the Pastor; to attend all the sessions of the District and Quarterly Conferences, and to present a written report to the same. An Exhorter shall be subject to an annual examination of character in the Quarterly Conference, and a renewal of License, to be signed by the President thereof.

CHAPTER III

DEACONESSES

I. Deaconesses

¶ 229, § 1. A Deaconess is a woman of suitable qualification who has been led by the Holy Spirit to devote herself to Christlike service under the direction of the Church; and who, after proper training and probation, has been duly licensed and consecrated.

§ 2. No vow of perpetual service is required of a Deaconess; nevertheless, Deaconess work should be considered a life service, not to be discontinued except for good and sufficient reasons and after due notice.

§ 3. The Deaconess comes, as did her Master, not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to that end she will give herself to any form of service which will further the kingdom of God.

II. The Probationary Deaconess

¶ 230, § 1. Every candidate is urged to take the full course in one of the duly recognized training schools before presenting herself for active training.

§ 2. A candidate, who meets the following requirements, may be received on probation by the Conference Deaconess Board.

(1) She must be recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.

(2) She must present a satisfactory health certifi-

cate, according to the form prescribed by the General Deaconess Board.

(3) She must have at least one of the following qualifications:

a. Graduation from a recognized training school.

b. Graduation from the training school of a registered hospital of our Church, or any other hospital approved by the General Deaconess Board, provided she pass satisfactory examinations in Bible, Church history, and Discipline.

c. Certificate of satisfactory examination in the studies prescribed by the General Deaconess Board.

¶ 231. A probationer may be continued in that relation if approved annually by the Conference Deaconess Board on the recommendation of the form of administration or other organization with which she serves, and will be expected to pursue such Course of Study as may be prescribed.

¶ 232, § 1. The wearing of the distinctive garb shall be determined by the form of administration or other organization with which the probationer serves.

§ 2. She shall be entitled to the same allowance as the licensed Deaconess.

III. The Deaconess

¶ 233, § 1. A Deaconess License may be granted by the Conference Deaconess Board to a probationer who has served at least two years and presents a satisfactory health certificate according to the form prescribed by the General Deaconess Board; is unmarried; and is not less than twenty-one years of age.

§ 2. A licensed Deaconess is entitled to consecra-

tion in accordance with the ritual of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 3. When thus duly licensed and consecrated a Deaconess becomes a member of the Conference Deaconess Board (See ¶ 494, § 1) and may be employed in any form of Christian work within the bounds of that Conference, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Deaconess Board.

¶ 234. The wearing of the distinctive garb shall be determined by the form of administration or other organization with which the Deaconess serves.

¶ 235. A Deaconess, if serving a Church, shall be a member of such Church and of its Quarterly Conference. In all other cases her Quarterly Conference membership shall be designated by the Bishop, when making the appointment, and necessarily her Church membership shall be in the same Church.

¶ 236. A Deaconess at her request may be granted annually a leave of absence by the Conference Deaconess Board on recommendation of the institution or organization with which she is connected. Such leave shall not be granted for more than three years consecutively without the approval of the General Deaconess Board.

¶ 237. A Deaconess in good standing, and on her request, may be granted honorable discharge by the Conference Board, on surrender of her License and Certificate of Consecration. These credentials may be returned to her after the President of the Conference Deaconess Board has indorsed on each the fact and date of such discharge. A Deaconess who has been thus honorably discharged may be restored by action of any Conference Deaconess Board providing she presents a satisfactory health certificate,

and an acceptance by the form of administration or other organization with which she desires to be connected.

IV. The Associate Deaconess

¶ 238, § 1. A woman who desires to serve in the capacity of a Deaconess for a limited period of time, or in some special field of service, may be elected an Associate Deaconess by the Conference Deaconess Board, provided she meets the following requirements:

(1) She must be recommended by the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.

(2) She must present from a form of administration, or other organization, a request for her services, with assurance of suitable support.

§ 2. For the continuance of an Associate Deaconess it is necessary each year that she be reelected by the Conference Deaconess Board, after such report of her work as that Board shall desire.

V. The Retired Deaconess

¶ 239, § 1. A Deaconess when unable to continue her regular work on account of age, loss of health, or other disability, may be retired by the General Deaconess Board on recommendation of the Conference Deaconess Board of which she is a member, and the form of administration or other organization with which she is connected.

§ 2. There shall be a Deaconess Pension Fund¹

¹See ¶ 591.

which shall be controlled and administered by the General Deaconess Board, and which the Board shall seek to increase by contribution, bequest, and otherwise.

§ 3. Every Retired Deaconess shall have a claim upon the Pension Fund, which shall be proportionate to the number of years she has been in active service, including the years of probation.

§ 4. The amount of the allowance to Retired Deaconesses shall be determined by the General Deaconess Board.

VI. The Deaconess and Temporary Relief

¶ 240, § 1. A Deaconess who is compelled to cease her work temporarily because of illness shall be suitably provided for by the form of administration or other organization with which she serves. This when desired may be done through the General Deaconess Board.

§ 2. Whenever such temporary relief is given through the General Deaconess Board the form of administration or other organization concerned shall furnish the necessary funds.

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CHAPTER I

TRIAL OF A BISHOP

NOTE.—Throughout Part V of the Discipline—Judicial Administration—the term “Immorality” is used to include any violation of the Moral Law.

I. Investigation

¶ 241. If a Bishop shall be accused of any violation of the moral law in the interval between sessions of the General Conference, the District Superintendent within whose District the offense is said to have been committed shall call to his aid four Traveling Elders, which five Ministers shall carefully inquire into the case; and if, in their judgment, there is reasonable ground for such accusation, they, or a majority of them, shall prepare and sign the proper charges in the case—unless such charges have already been prepared—shall send a copy of the same to the accused, and shall give notice thereof to one of the Bishops, furnishing him also with a copy of the charges. The Bishop so notified shall convene a Committee of Investigation to be composed of the Triers of Appeals, to be appointed as hereinafter provided, of four neighboring Conferences, over which Committee a Bishop shall preside. The accused shall have the right of peremptory challenge, yet so as not to reduce the number of the Committee below thirteen. The presiding Bishop shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a correct record of the proceedings and of the testimony. The Committee thus constituted shall

have full power to investigate the charges in the case, and if it finds them sustained, shall suspend the accused from all ministerial functions and Church privileges until the ensuing General Conference. The President and Secretary shall sign the records when properly approved, and the President shall transmit the same, including the charges, specifications, documents, and evidence, to the General Conference, on which, and such other evidence as may be admitted, the case shall finally be determined. Additional charges and specifications may be presented to the General Conference; provided, the accused has been given due notice of the same.

¶ 242. In case of imprudent conduct, the District Superintendent within whose District the alleged offense is said to have occurred shall take with him two Traveling Elders, and, if in their judgment there is sufficient ground for such accusation, shall admonish the Bishop so offending. If he persists in his imprudence, the matter shall be investigated in the manner provided in ¶ 241, or he may be brought to trial before the General Conference.

¶ 243. If it be alleged that a violation of the moral law or an imprudence has been committed beyond the bounds of any District, the District Superintendent within the bounds of whose District the Bishop resides shall proceed as hereinbefore provided.

¶ 244. If a Bishop be charged with disseminating, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion or our other present existing and established standards of doctrine, the same procedure shall be observed as is prescribed in ¶ 241, or he may be brought to trial before the General Conference.

¶ 245. Complaint against the administration of a Bishop may be forwarded to the General Conference, and entertained there; provided, that in its judgment he has had due notice of such complaint.

II. Trial

¶ 246. When a Bishop has been suspended by a Committee of Investigation, or when charges against a Bishop are presented directly to the General Conference, the General Conference shall try the accused in due form, appointing for this purpose a Select Number of its own Members, who shall be Ministers, to consist of not more than seventeen, nor fewer than eleven, the accused having the right of challenge for cause. Over this court a Bishop shall preside, and one of the secretaries of the General Conference shall act as Secretary. The Court as thus constituted shall have full power to try the accused Bishop, and to suspend him from the functions of his office, to depose him from the Ministry, or to expel him from the Church, as it may deem his offense requires. Its findings shall be final, subject to appeal to the General Conference as hereinafter provided, and shall be reported to the General Conference for entry on its Journal; and the records of the trial shall be placed in the custody of the Secretary of the General Conference, together with all the documents in the case, for preservation with the papers of the General Conference and for use in case of appeal.

CHAPTER II

TRIAL OF A MISSIONARY BISHOP

I. Investigation

¶ 247. If a Missionary Bishop be accused of a violation of the moral law during the interval between the sessions of the General Conference, the District Superintendents of the Annual Conference within which the offense is alleged to have been committed shall inquire into the same. If in their opinion the accusations appear to be well founded, they shall prepare and sign the proper charges in the case, and shall send the same to the nearest Bishop or Missionary Bishop, and a copy thereof to the accused. The said Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall call not less than nine nor more than fifteen Effective Elders, all of whom shall be Foreign Missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to form a Committee of Investigation, and a Bishop or a Missionary Bishop shall preside over the same. The accused shall have the right of peremptory challenge, yet so as not to reduce the number below seven. If this Committee shall find the charges sustained, it shall suspend the accused until the ensuing General Conference.

¶ 248. If a Missionary Bishop be accused of imprudent conduct, the District Superintendent within whose district the alleged offense is said to have occurred shall take with him three Effective Elders, and, if in their judgment there is sufficient ground for such accusation, shall admonish the Missionary Bishop so offending. If he persist in his imprudence,

the case shall be investigated in the manner prescribed in ¶ 247, or the offender may be brought to trial before the General Conference.

¶ 249. If a Missionary Bishop be charged with disseminating, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion, or our other present existing and established standards of doctrine, the same procedure shall be observed as is prescribed in ¶ 247 or ¶ 250.

II. Trial

¶ 250. When a Missionary Bishop has been suspended by a Committee of Investigation, or when charges against a Missionary Bishop are presented directly to the General Conference, the General Conference shall try the accused in the same manner as is prescribed for the trial of a Bishop.

¶ 251. Complaint against the administration of a Missionary Bishop may be forwarded to the General Conference, and entertained there; provided, that in its judgment he has had due notice that such complaint would be made.

CHAPTER III

TRIAL OF A MEMBER OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NOTE.—In all matters of Judicial Administration the rights, duties, and responsibilities of Members of Mission Conferences are the same as those in Annual Conferences, and the procedure shall be the same.

I. Preliminary Investigation

¶ 252, § 1. If a Member of an Annual Conference, in the interval between sessions of that body, be

accused of any violation of the moral law, his District Superintendent, or the Superintendent of the District within the bounds of which such acts are alleged to have taken place, shall call not less than five nor more than nine Members of the Annual Conference to investigate the same, and, if possible, bring the accused and accuser face to face. He shall preside throughout the proceedings, and shall certify and declare the judgment of the Committee.

§ 2. If the accused be a District Superintendent, three of the senior Effective Elders of his District shall inquire into the character of the allegations, and, if they deem an investigation necessary, shall call in the Superintendent of any District of the Annual Conference, who shall appoint a Committee of not less than five nor more than nine Elders of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a Member, to investigate the case; and he shall preside at the investigation; but in case there be only one District Superintendent in the Conference, or if the other District Superintendents be so related to the case as to make it improper for any one of them to serve, then the matter shall be reported by the three senior Effective Elders to the Bishop in Charge, who shall appoint an Elder to act in the case.

§ 3. If in either case the charge be sustained, the accused shall be suspended by the Committee from all ministerial services and Church privileges until the ensuing session of the Annual Conference.

§ 4. If in any such investigation the Committee find that the evidence does not sustain the charge of immorality, but does show that the accused has been guilty of imprudent and unministerial conduct, it may so declare, and may suspend the offender from

all ministerial functions until the ensuing session of his Annual Conference, at which the whole case shall be disposed of as the said Conference may determine.

¶ 253. Any Member of an Annual Conference who shall hold religious service within the bounds of any Pastoral Charge, when requested by the Preacher in Charge not to hold such service, shall be deemed guilty of imprudent conduct; and if, after admonition by the Superintendent of the District within which the offense has been committed, he shall not refrain from such conduct, he shall be liable to charges and investigation, or trial.

¶ 254. If a Member of an Annual Conference be charged with disseminating, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion, or our other existing and established standards of doctrine, the same procedure shall be observed as is prescribed in ¶ 252, § 1. But if, after the charge is sustained, the Minister so offending shall solemnly promise the Committee of Investigation not to disseminate such erroneous doctrines in public or private, the Committee may waive suspension, that the case may be laid before the next Annual Conference, which shall determine the matter.

¶ 255. Whenever specific complaint is made in writing and signed by five responsible persons, Members or Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, charging a Teacher in one of our Theological Schools, who is a Minister, with violating his pledge to the Bishops of loyalty to our doctrine and polity, said complaint shall be lodged with the Superintendent within whose District the accused holds his Quarterly-Conference membership, who shall carefully consider the same; and if in his opinion the complaint is

of sufficient gravity to require an investigation, he shall immediately proceed according to the provisions of the Discipline in ¶ 252.

¶ 256. If the Teacher referred to in ¶ 255 be a layman or a Local Preacher, the complaint shall be lodged with the Preacher in Charge of the Church to which the said Teacher belongs, who shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline for the investigation or trial of members or Local Preachers.

¶ 257. If, in the interval between the sessions of his Conference, a Member of an Annual Conference fail to do the work to which he was duly appointed, except in case of sickness, serious disability, or other unavoidable circumstances, the District Superintendent shall proceed as directed in ¶ 252, § 1. If the District Superintendent fails so to do, he shall be accountable therefor to the next Annual Conference.

¶ 258. In cases of improper temper, words, or actions, the Minister so offending shall be admonished by his senior in office. Should a second transgression take place, one, two, or three Ministers are to be taken as witnesses. If he continue to offend, the District Superintendent shall proceed as directed in ¶ 252, § 1.

¶ 259. When a Member of an Annual Conference fails in business, or contracts debts which he is not able to pay, the District Superintendent shall appoint two judicious Members of the Church and one Minister to inspect the accounts, contracts, and circumstances of the supposed delinquent; and if, in their opinion, he has acted dishonestly or contracted debts without a reasonable probability of paying, the case shall be disposed of according to ¶ 252, § 1.

¶ 260. Any Member of an Annual Conference residing beyond the bounds of his own Conference shall be subject to the investigation prescribed in ¶ 252, under the authority of the Superintendent of the District within which he resides or within which he is employed, by a Committee of Members of that Conference. If he reside or be employed within the bounds of a Mission, he shall be subject to investigation under the authority of the Superintendent of the District within which he holds his Quarterly Conference Membership or of the Superintendent of the Mission and a Committee of Members of the same. If he be the Superintendent of the Mission, the Bishop or Missionary Bishop in charge shall appoint an Elder to act in the case.

¶ 261. In all the foregoing cases the papers, including the record of the investigation, charges, evidence, and findings, shall be transmitted to the ensuing session of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a Member; on which papers, and on such other evidence as may be admitted, and also upon such other charges or specifications as may be presented, due notice of the same having been given to the accused, the case shall be determined.

¶ 262. An Annual Conference may entertain and try charges against its Members though no investigation upon them has been held, or though the investigation has not resulted in suspension, due notice having been given the accused.

¶ 263. When it is alleged of a Member of an Annual Conference that he is so unacceptable, inefficient, or indifferent, or that his ministry is so seriously impaired by unministerial conduct or other reasons as to be no longer useful in the ministry, or that with-

out reason of impaired health of himself or his family disqualifying him for pastoral work he engages in secular business, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five or more members of his Conference for inquiry; and if said Committee shall find the allegation sustained, and shall so recommend, the Conference may request him to surrender his Ministerial Office. If he shall refuse, and the conditions complained of continue, the Conference, at its next session, by process of trial, may deprive him of the Ministerial Office and require that his Credentials be returned to the Conference (¶ 171). He shall have the right of appeal within six months to a Judicial Conference.

II. Maladministration

¶ 264, § 1. A Minister shall be answerable to his Conference on a charge of corrupt, negligent, or partisan administration, but not for errors in judgment. The violation of the advice concerning Divorce, in ¶ 68 of the Discipline, shall be considered an act of Maladministration.

§ 2. Errors or defects in Judicial Proceedings shall be duly considered when presented on appeal. But Errors of Law or Administration connected with investigations under ¶ 252 which are not followed by Trials at Conference, and Errors of Law made by a District Superintendent in cases of appeal, are to be corrected by the President of the next Annual Conference on appeal in open session, and the Conference may also order just and suitable remedies, if injury has resulted from such errors.

§ 3. Errors of Administration not connected with

Judicial Proceedings may be presented in writing to the Annual Conference, for its judgment thereon; and the Annual Conference may order just and suitable remedies when the rights of Ministers or members of the Church have been injuriously affected by such errors.

III. Trial

¶ 265. The Annual Conference, at its discretion, may try an accused Member by one of the following methods:

§ 1. The trial, including the examination of witnesses, may be by the Conference in full session.

§ 2. The Bishop may appoint an Elder as a Commissioner to take the evidence in the case, in whole or in part; and said Commissioner shall cause a correct record of the proceedings in the case and of the evidence, signed by the witnesses respectively, to be laid before the Annual Conference; upon which evidence and such other evidence as may be admitted the case shall be determined.

§ 3. The Conference may appoint from its Members a Select Number of not less than nine nor more than fifteen, to try the accused, who shall have the right of challenge for cause; which Select Number, in the presence of a Bishop, or of a Chairman whom the President of the Conference shall have appointed, and one or more of the Secretaries of the Conference, shall have full power to consider and determine the case according to the rules which govern in such proceedings; and they shall make a faithful report in writing of all their proceedings, duly attested by the President and Secretary of the Select Number, to the

Secretary of the Annual Conference before its final adjournment, and deliver up to him therewith the bill of charges, the evidence taken, and the decision rendered, with all documents brought into the trial.

§ 4. But if a case cannot be tried during the session for want of testimony, the Annual Conference may refer it to one of the District Superintendents, who shall proceed as directed in ¶ 252, § 1, and the Conference shall determine whether the case seems to be of such gravity as to require that the Minister be left without appointment until investigation shall be held.

¶ 266. When a Minister is tried on a charge of immorality, and the Annual Conference, or the Select Number, shall find that this charge is not sustained by the evidence, but that the Minister has been proven guilty of "high imprudence and unministerial conduct," it may declare this fact, and may by this finding reprove the offender, or may subject him to suspension, or deprivation of his Ministerial Office and Credentials.

¶ 267. § 1. In case any Member of an Annual Conference shall have been deposed from the Ministry without being expelled from the Church, he shall have his membership in the Church where he resided at the time of his deposition.

§ 2. In case any Member of an Annual Conference shall have been deposed from the Ministry or expelled from the Church for teaching publicly or privately doctrines contrary to our Articles of Religion, or our other present existing and established standards of doctrine, he shall not again be licensed to preach until he shall have satisfied the Conference from which he was deposed or expelled, and shall have promised in writing to desist wholly from disseminating such doctrine.

¶ 268. After a Minister shall have been tried regularly and expelled he shall have no Privileges of Society or Sacraments in our Church, without contrition, reformation, and confession, satisfactory to the Annual Conference by which he was expelled.

¶ 269. When a Member of an Annual Conference is accused of immorality and desires to withdraw from the Church, the Annual Conference may permit him to withdraw; in which case the record shall be, "Withdrawn under Complaints." If formal charges of immorality have been presented, he may be permitted to withdraw; in which case the record shall be, "Withdrawn under Charges"; and if thus "Withdrawn under Complaints," or "Withdrawn under Charges," his relation to the Church shall be the same as if he had been expelled.

CHAPTER IV

TRIAL OF A PREACHER ON TRIAL

¶ 270. A Preacher on Trial in an Annual Conference, in reference to Amenability and Appeal is considered as a Local Preacher; but in his case the District Superintendent shall perform the duties which are assigned to the Preacher in Charge in the case of an accused Local Preacher.

CHAPTER V

TRIAL OF A LOCAL PREACHER

¶ 271. When a Local Preacher, ordained or unordained, is accused of any violation of the moral law,

the Preacher in Charge shall call a Committee of Investigation, consisting of three or more Local Preachers, before which it shall be the duty of the accused to appear, and by which, if the charge be sustained, he shall be suspended from all ministerial services and Church privileges until the next District or Quarterly Conference; which Conference shall try the case, and if the accused be found guilty the Conference shall suspend, deprive of ministerial office and credentials, or expel him. (¶ 220, § 4.) But a Local Preacher may be tried by a District or Quarterly Conference without preliminary investigation, provided due notice shall have been given him.

¶ 272. Should the District Conference having jurisdiction in the case of an accused Local Preacher judge it expedient to try him by a Select Number, it may appoint not less than nine nor more than fifteen of its Members for that purpose, the accused having the right of challenge for cause; which Select Number, in the presence of the President of the District Conference, or of an Elder appointed by him, and a Secretary appointed by the said Conference, shall have full power to consider and determine the case according to the rules applicable thereto; and the Secretary shall make a correct report in writing of all the proceedings and evidence to the Secretary of the District Conference, and shall deliver to him all the papers in the case.

¶ 273, § 1. In case of improper temper, words, or actions, the Local Preacher so offending shall be admonished by the Preacher in Charge. Should a second transgression take place, one or two members of the Church are to be taken as witnesses. If he continue to offend, the case shall be investigated

as provided in ¶ 271, or he shall be tried at the next District or Quarterly Conference, and, if found guilty and impenitent, he shall be expelled from the Church.

§ 2. If, on due trial by the District or Quarterly Conference, a Local Preacher be found neglectful of his duties as a Local Preacher or unacceptable in his Ministry, he may be deprived of his ministerial office; in which case, if he be ordained, the District Superintendent shall require him to deliver up his credentials, that they may be returned to the Annual Conference.

§ 3. A Local Preacher, who shall hold religious services within the bounds of a Pastoral Charge when requested by the Preacher in Charge not to do so, shall be deemed guilty of imprudent conduct, and if he persist, after admonition by the Superintendent of the District within which the offense has been committed, he may be brought to investigation or trial, either or both of which may take place in the Charge and under the proper officers of the Church where the forbidden service has been held.

¶ 274. If a Local Preacher disseminate, publicly or privately, doctrines which are contrary to our Articles of Religion, or our other present existing and established standards of doctrine, the same procedure shall be observed as is prescribed in ¶¶ 271, 272.

NOTE.—Touching complaints against a Local Preacher for erroneous teaching in a Theological School, see ¶¶ 255, 256.

¶ 275. If a Local Preacher shall fail in business, or contract debts which he is not able to pay, the Preacher in Charge shall appoint three judicious members of the Church to inspect the accounts, con-

tracts, and circumstances of the supposed delinquent; and if, in their opinion, he has behaved dishonestly, or contracted debts without a reasonable probability of paying, the same procedure shall be observed as is prescribed in ¶¶ 271, 272.

¶ 276. If, in the judgment of the District Superintendent, a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in the Quarterly Conference where the accused holds his membership, the District Superintendent may refer the case for trial to some other Quarterly Conference within the bounds of his District.

¶ 277. If the trial is by the Quarterly Conference, the accused shall have the right of challenge for cause. If by reason of said challenge or other cause the number of the members of the Quarterly Conference present shall fall below seven, which number shall be required for a quorum in case of any such trial, the Quarterly Conference, if the District Superintendent so request, shall adjourn to a subsequent date, to be named by him, to try the case; or, the District Superintendent may refer it to some other Quarterly Conference in his District.

¶ 278, § 1. In Missions in the United States, its Territories, and insular possessions the power to try Local Preachers shall remain with the respective Quarterly Conferences; but Local Preachers so tried and convicted shall have the right of appeal to the Annual Meeting of the Mission.

§ 2. The Ministerial members of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall constitute a Judicial Conference to hear appeals of Local Preachers convicted at an Annual Meeting of a Mission; such Judicial Conference to be presided over by a Bishop.

CHAPTER VI

TRIAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER

I. Immoral Conduct

¶ 279, § 1. A member of the Church accused of a violation of the moral law shall be brought to trial.

§ 2. A member of the Church, who, after private reproof and admonition by the Pastor or Class Leader, persists in using, buying, or selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who signs a petition in favor of granting a license for the sale of such liquors, or who signs a petition of consent for the sale of such liquors, or who applies for a license for the sale of such liquors, or who procures a license for the sale of such liquors, or who becomes bondsman of any person or persons engaged in such traffic, or who rents his property as a place in which, or on which, to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors, shall be brought to trial, and if found guilty and there be no sign of real humiliation, shall be expelled.

II. Imprudent Conduct¹

¶ 280. In cases of neglect of duties of any kind; imprudent conduct; indulging in sinful tempers or words; "taking such diversions as can not be used in the name of the Lord Jesus"; or disobedience to

¹See ¶ 69.

the order and *Discipline* of the Church; on the first offense, let private reproof be given by the Pastor or Class Leader, and if there be an acknowledgment of the fault and proper humiliation, the person may be borne with. On further offense the Pastor or Class Leader may take with him one or two discreet members of the Church. On continued offense let him be brought to trial, and if found guilty and there be no sign of real humiliation, he shall be expelled.

III. Neglect of Means of Grace

¶ 281. If a member of the Church shall habitually neglect the means of grace, such as the Public Worship of God, the Lord's Supper, family and private Prayer, searching the Scriptures, Class Meeting, and Prayer Meeting, the Preacher in Charge shall visit him and explain to him the consequences if he continue his neglect. If he do not amend, he shall be brought to trial, and if found guilty of willful neglect, he shall be expelled.

IV. Causing Dissension

¶ 282. If a member of the Church shall be accused of endeavoring to sow dissension in the Church by inveighing against its Doctrines or Discipline, its Ministers or Members, or in any other manner, the person so offending shall first be reproved by the Preacher in Charge; and if he persist in such pernicious practice, he shall be brought to trial, and, if found guilty, shall be expelled.

NOTE.—For the method of disposing of complaints against a layman for erroneous teaching in a Theological School, see ¶ 256.

V. Disagreement in Business—Arbitration

¶ 283. In case of any disagreement between two or more members of the Church concerning business transactions, which cannot be settled by the parties, the Preacher in Charge shall inquire into the circumstances of the case, and shall recommend to the parties that such disagreement be submitted to arbitration. If this method of settlement be agreed upon, two arbitrators shall be chosen by one party, and two by the other, which four shall choose a fifth. The said arbitrators shall be members of our Church, who have no personal or pecuniary interests in the result. The Preacher in Charge shall preside, and the Disciplinary forms of trial shall be observed. If either party refuse to abide by the judgment of the arbitrators, he shall be brought to trial, and if he fail to show sufficient cause for such refusal, he shall be expelled.

¶ 284. If any member of the Church, in case of debt or other dispute, shall refuse to refer the matter to arbitration, when recommended to do so by the Preacher in Charge, or shall enter into a lawsuit with another member before these measures are taken, he shall be brought to trial, and if he fail to show that the case is of such a nature as to require and justify such a course, he shall be expelled.

¶ 285. If, in the case of debt or dispute, one of the parties is a Minister, the duties assigned to the Preacher in Charge in the foregoing paragraphs shall be performed by the District Superintendent of the Minister concerned. If both be Ministers, the District Superintendent of either may act in the case.

VI. Insolvency

¶ 286, § 1. Preachers in Charge are required to execute faithfully the rules against all frauds, and particularly against dishonest insolvencies, suffering no one to remain in the Church who is found guilty of fraud.

§ 2. To prevent scandal, when any member of the Church fails in business, or contracts debts which he is not able to pay, two or three judicious members of the Church, designated by the Preacher in Charge, shall inspect the accounts, contracts, and circumstances of the supposed delinquent; and if they believe that he has behaved dishonestly, or borrowed money without a reasonable probability of paying, he shall be brought to trial, and, if found guilty, shall be expelled.

¶ 287. In all the foregoing cases of trial enumerated in this chapter the accused member shall be brought to trial before a Committee of not less than five members of the Church. They shall be chosen by the Preacher in Charge, and, if he judge it necessary, he may select them from any part of the District. The accused may challenge for cause. The Preacher in Charge shall preside at the trial.

VII. Penalties

¶ 288. If the accused person be found guilty by the decision of a majority of the Committee, the Preacher in Charge shall then and there pronounce the sentence of expulsion.

¶ 289. But if, in view of mitigating circumstances and of humble and penitent confession, the Committee find that a lower penalty would be proper, it may im-

pose censure on the offender, at its discretion, or suspend him from all Church privileges for a definite time.

¶ 290. An expelled person shall have no Privileges of Society or of the Sacraments of the Church without confession, contrition, and satisfactory reformation.

CHAPTER VII

APPEAL OF A BISHOP

¶ 291, § 1. A Bishop or Missionary Bishop shall have the right to appeal to the General Conference in case of an adverse decision by the trial court hereinbefore prescribed in such cases; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he notify the Secretary of the General Conference of his intention to appeal. All such appeals shall be heard and determined by the General Conference Committee on the Judiciary.

§ 2. If during the session of a General Conference a Bishop or a Missionary Bishop shall have been convicted, the General Conference shall extend the term of service of the Committee on the Judiciary until it shall have disposed of a possible appeal in the case.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the General Conference, on receiving notice of such appeal, to inform the senior effective Bishop, whose duty it shall be, after conference with the parties in interest, to fix the time and place for the hearing of the appeal, and to instruct the Secretary of the

¶ 292 APPEAL OF MEMBER OF CONFERENCE

General Conference to give due notice of the same to all concerned.

CHAPTER VIII

APPEAL OF A MEMBER OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE—JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

¶ 292, § 1. The several Annual Conferences shall at each session select five Elders, men of experience and sound judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be known as Triers of Appeals, and also two reserve Triers of Appeals. The reserves shall serve in the absence or disqualification of the principals.

§ 2. In Foreign Missions or Foreign Mission Conferences, remote from other Missions or Conferences, let there be not less than nine nor more than thirteen Elders selected as Triers of Appeals, and also three reserves, and from these, thus selected, shall be chosen the Triers of Appeals to constitute the Judicial Conference for said body. The proceedings to comply with the requirements of ¶ 252.

¶ 293. When notice of an appeal has been given to the President of an Annual Conference, he shall proceed, with due regard to the wishes and rights of the Appellant, to designate three Annual Conferences conveniently near to that from the decision of which the appeal is taken, and the Triers of Appeals of such Conferences shall constitute a Judicial Conference. He shall fix also the time and place of its session. He shall also give notice thereof to the said Triers of Appeals and to all others concerned. Such Judicial Conference shall be competent to hear appeals which may be presented to it from any Conference conveniently near, due notice having been given to all concerned.

¶ 294. The Appellant shall have the right of peremptory challenge, yet so that the number of Triers of Appeals present and qualified shall not fall below nine, which number shall be required for a quorum.

¶ 295. A Bishop shall preside in a Judicial Conference and shall decide all questions of law arising in its proceedings, subject to an appeal to the General Conference. The Judicial Conference shall appoint a Secretary, who shall keep a faithful record of all the proceedings, and at the close of the hearing shall transmit the records made and the papers submitted in the case, or certified copies thereof, to the Secretary of the General Conference, to be filed for use by the General Conference in case of appeal. In all cases the findings of the Judicial Conference shall be reported by its Secretary to the Secretary of the Annual Conference whose membership is affected thereby, and if no further appeal shall have been taken on a question of law, the same shall be published in the Minutes of said Annual Conference.

¶ 296. In all cases of trial and conviction of Members of an Annual Conference, an appeal shall be allowed to a Judicial Conference, constituted as hereinbefore provided, if the condemned person, within thirty days¹ after his conviction, shall signify in writing to the Secretary of the Annual Conference his intention to appeal.

¶ 297. Appeals from an Annual Conference within the United States, not easily accessible, at the discretion of the President thereof, may be heard by a Judicial Conference selected from among more accessible Conferences. Appeals from an Annual or

¹ See ¶ 263, allowing appeal within six months in special cases.

Mission Conference not in the United States may be heard at the discretion of the Bishop in charge thereof, due regard being had to the rights and interests of all concerned, either by a Judicial Conference called by said Bishop from neighboring foreign Conferences, or by a Judicial Conference called by him to meet at or near New York, or by the General Conference through a special Appellate Committee appointed for the purpose.

¶ 298. When the case of any Minister who has been suspended or expelled is remanded for a new trial, his suspension from all ministerial functions shall continue until the next ensuing session of the Annual Conference.

¶ 299. Should a Member of an Annual Conference be suspended by a Committee of Investigation in the interval between the sessions of his Conference, and subsequently be found guilty by his Conference and expelled, his claim upon the funds of the Conference shall cease from the time of his suspension. Should a Member of an Annual Conference be suspended and afterward be restored, he shall have no claim upon the Pastoral Charge nor upon the funds of the Conference during the period of such suspension.

¶ 300. The General Conference, on appeal, or on Complaint, shall carefully review the decisions of Questions of Law contained in the records and documents transmitted to it from Judicial Conferences; and in case of serious error therein, shall take such action as justice may require. The papers submitted shall be returned by the Secretary of the Committee on Judiciary to the Chairman of the Delegation of the Annual Conference of which the accused is a Member.

CHAPTER IX

RESTORATION OF CREDENTIALS

I. When Voluntarily Surrendered

¶ 301. When an ordained Minister of any class who is in good standing shall surrender his Credentials for any reason, the Annual Conference at any subsequent time may restore the same upon the recommendation of the District or Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which he has membership as a Local Preacher.

II. When Involuntarily Surrendered

¶ 302. When a Member of an Annual Conference by expulsion or otherwise shall have been deprived of his Credentials, they shall be filed with the papers of his Conference; and in case the said Member has come to us from another Church, so that he holds the certificate of our Church, and his original Credentials indorsed by our Church, he shall be required to surrender to his Conference both the certificate of our Church and the original Credentials bearing our indorsement. If at any future time he shall give satisfactory evidence to said Annual Conference of his amendment, and procure a certificate from the Quarterly Conference of the Charge in which he resides, or from an Annual Conference which may have received him on Trial, recommending to the Annual

Conference of which he was formerly a Member the restoration of his Credentials, the said Annual Conference may restore them.

¶ 303. When a Local Elder or Deacon shall have been expelled or deprived of his Ministerial Office, the District Superintendent shall require of him the Credentials of his ordination, to be filed with the papers of the Annual Conference within the bounds of which the expulsion has taken place. Should he, at any future time, produce to the Annual Conference a certificate of his restoration, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of his Quarterly Conference, his Credentials may be restored to him.

CHAPTER X

APPEAL OF A LOCAL PREACHER

¶ 304. In case of conviction, a Local Preacher shall be allowed to appeal to the next Annual Conference; provided, that within thirty days after his conviction he shall signify in writing to the President or Secretary of the District or Quarterly Conference by which he was tried, his determination to appeal; and the said Annual Conference, in full session, or by a Select Number of not less than nine nor more than fifteen, shall hear the appeal. If the hearing be by a Select Number, the Appellant shall have the right of peremptory challenge. The decision of said Annual Conference shall be the final determination of the case, subject only to an appeal to the General Conference by either party on Questions of Law.

¶ 305. An appeal by a Local Preacher from a Quar-

terly Conference within the jurisdiction of a Mission shall be to the Annual Meeting of the said Mission.

CHAPTER XI

APPEAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER—COURT OF APPEALS

¶ 306, §1. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference of each year each Pastoral Charge shall select from among the members of the Church one person of experience and sound judgment in the affairs of the Church, who shall be known as a Trier of Appeals for Members.

§ 2. When due notice of appeal has been given to the Superintendent of any District, he shall proceed, with due regard to the wishes and rights of the Appellant, to convene a Court of Appeals, which shall be constituted of such of the Triers of Appeals on his District as he shall summon, the number so summoned by him to be not more than fifteen nor less than nine; but the Trier of Appeals of the Charge to which the accused member belongs shall not be one of the number so summoned. The District Superintendent shall give not less than ten nor more than thirty days' notice of the time and place at which the Court of Appeals will assemble, and such notice shall be given to all concerned. The Appellant shall have the right of peremptory challenge; provided, that the Triers of Appeals present and ready to proceed with the hearing shall not fall below seven, which number shall constitute a quorum. The District Superintendent shall preside.

§ 3. Said Court of Appeals shall be competent to hear appeals which may be presented to it from any Pastoral Charge on the District, due notice having been given to all concerned.

§ 4. If the District Superintendent shall find the convening of such a Court to be impracticable, or seriously inconvenient to the parties involved, with due regard to the rights and wishes of the Appellant, he shall have the appeal heard by a Quarterly Conference within his District; in which case no one who was in any way connected with the trial shall sit as a member of the Quarterly Conference, to hear the appeal.

¶ 307. Any member of the Church against whom judgment is rendered by a Committee on Trial may appeal from such judgment to the Court of Appeals for Members as hereinbefore constituted, by giving written notice of his intention to the Preacher in Charge and to the District Superintendent within thirty days after said judgment is rendered.

CHAPTER XII

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

I. Testimony and Notice

¶ 308, § 1. The testimony of a witness who is not a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall not be rejected on that account.

§ 2. The testimony of an absent witness may be taken before the Preacher in Charge where such witness resides, or before a Preacher appointed by the District Superintendent of the District within which

such witness resides; provided, that sufficient notice of the time and place of taking such testimony shall have been given to the adverse party.

§ 3. If in any case the accused person, after due notice has been given him, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the time and place set for a hearing, the investigation or trial may proceed in his absence.

II. Records

¶ 309, § 1. In all investigations or trials the records should be accurate and full; they shall include the proceedings in detail and all the documents admitted, together with the charges, specifications, and findings, and shall be approved and attested by the President and Secretary. In all investigations the Presiding Officer shall appoint a Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings and documents, of which records, when properly attested, the said Presiding Officer shall be the custodian. The custodian shall deliver the entire record to the President or Secretary of the Conference or Committee to which the case shall go for final disposition.

§ 2. In the trial of a member of the Church the Preacher in Charge shall appoint the Secretary, and the said Preacher in Charge shall be the custodian of the records, when properly attested. If no appeal be taken, he shall deliver the records to the Recording Steward for preservation. If an appeal be taken, he shall deliver the records to the President of the proper Appellate Court, and after they have been used in this Court they shall be returned by the Secretary to the Recording Steward of the Charge from which they came.

§ 3. The Secretaries of Quarterly, District, and Annual Conferences and of the General Conference shall be the custodians of the records, which in all cases shall be made by them or their Assistants, of all trials occurring in their bodies respectively; and in case of appeal, they shall deliver said records to the President or Secretary of the proper Appellate Court. After the said appeal has been heard, the records shall be returned to the Secretary of the Conference from which they came.

III. Counsel

¶ 310. In all cases of investigation or trial where counsel has not been provided for either the Church or the accused, such counsel shall be appointed as follows:

§ 1. In the investigation of a Bishop or of a Missionary Bishop, counsel shall be appointed by the officer presiding; and in case of a trial, counsel shall be appointed by the General Conference. Such counsel shall be either Ministers or members in good standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 2. In the investigation of a Member of an Annual Conference, counsel shall be appointed by the District Superintendent; and in case of trial the appointment shall be by the Annual Conference. In either case such counsel shall be Members of an Annual Conference.

§ 3. In all other cases, counsel shall be appointed by the Presiding Officer and shall be Ministers or members in good standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

IV. Charges

¶ 311, § 1. In no case shall charges or testimony be held as privileged so as to protect the accuser from the consequences of false and malicious prosecution; and both Ministers and Members should be warned against making hasty or insufficiently supported charges.

§ 2. Amendments may be made to a bill of charges up to the time of the opening of the trial, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, provided they relate to the form of statement only and do not change the nature of the alleged offense and do not introduce new matter of which the accused has not had due notice.

§ 3. Amendments to charges against Members of an Annual Conference shall be presented in the Conference and ruled upon by the Bishop presiding before the case is committed to the Select Number for trial.

§ 4. A charge of slander shall not be entertained unless signed by the person alleged to have been slandered.

V. Trials

¶ 312, § 1. In all cases of investigation or trial the required notification to persons accused and to such witnesses as either party may name shall be in writing, and shall issue in the name of the Church and be signed by the President or the last appointed Secretary of the tribunal which is to investigate or try the case. Said notification shall be delivered personally or sent by registered mail to the last known post-office address of the person to be notified.

§ 2. In all cases, sufficient time shall be allowed for the person to appear at the given place and time, and for the accused to prepare for the investigation or trial; and the President of the tribunal to investigate or try the case shall decide what constitutes "sufficient time."

§ 3. In all cases of investigation or trial both parties shall have the right of challenge for cause, and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to see, if possible, that there be present a sufficient number of properly qualified persons as substitutes to prevent the number from being reduced below that required for the investigation or trial.

§ 4. In case of investigation, trial, or appeal the Presiding Officer shall not deliver a charge, reviewing or explaining the evidence or setting forth the merits of the case; but he shall remain and preside until the judgment is expressed, the findings completed, and the record signed; but without expressing any opinion on the law or facts unless the parties in interest be called in.

VI. Appeals

¶ 313, § 1. An appeal shall not be allowed in any case in which the accused has failed or refused to be present in person or by counsel at his trial. But appeals, regularly taken, shall be heard by the proper Appellate Court unless it shall appear to the said Court that the Appellant has forfeited his right to appeal by misconduct, such as refusal to abide by the finding of the Trial Court, withdrawal from the Church, or failure to appear in person or by counsel to prosecute the appeal.

§ 2. The right of appeal when once forfeited by

neglect or otherwise cannot be revived by any subsequent Appellate Court.

§ 3. The right to take and to prosecute an appeal shall not be affected by the death of the person entitled to such right. His heirs or legal representatives may prosecute such appeal as he would be entitled to do if he were living.

§ 4. In no case shall an appeal operate as a suspension of sentence. The finding of the Trial Court must stand until it is modified or reversed by the proper Appellate Court.

§ 5. The records and documents of the trial, and these only, shall be used as evidence in the hearing of any appeal.

§ 6. In all cases where an appeal is made, and admitted by the Appellate Court, after the charges, findings, and evidence have been read and the arguments concluded, the parties shall withdraw, and the Appellate Court shall consider and decide the case. It may reverse, in whole or in part, the findings of the Trial Court, or it may remand the case for a new trial. It may determine what penalty, not higher than that affixed at the trial, shall be imposed. If it neither reverse, in whole or in part, the judgment of the Trial Court, nor remand the case for a new trial, nor modify the penalty, that judgment shall stand. But the Appellate Court shall not reverse the judgment, nor remand the case for a new trial, on account of errors plainly not affecting the result.

§ 7. In all cases the right of appeal shall be exhausted when the case has been heard once on its merits in the proper Appellate Court; but Questions of Law may be carried on appeal, step by step, to the General Conference.

§ 8. If in any case of appeal of a Member of an Annual Conference, of a Bishop, or of a Missionary Bishop, the Appellate Court is convinced that new evidence has been discovered material to the issue, it may remand the case for a new trial.

§ 9. If, within sixty days after the conviction of a member of the Church, he shall make application in writing to the Preacher in Charge for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence, and submit therewith a written statement of the same, and if it shall appear to the Preacher in Charge that such evidence is material to the issue involved, he shall grant a new trial.

§ 10. In no case shall a new trial be granted upon newly discovered evidence which could have been obtained for the trial in the exercise of due diligence, or which is merely cumulative in its effect.

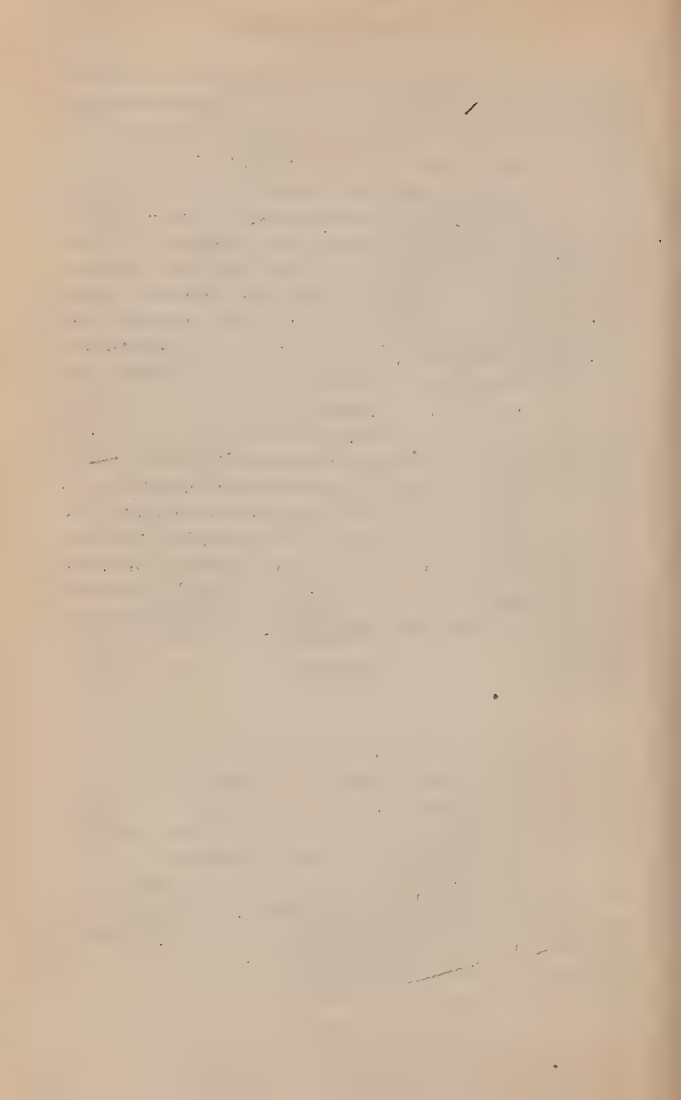
§ 11. In all cases of appeal the Appellant, at the time he gives notice of his appeal, shall furnish to the officer receiving such notice, and to the counsel for the Church, a written statement of the grounds of his appeal; and the hearing in the Appellate Court shall be limited to the grounds set forth in such statement.

§ 12. When any Appellate Court shall reverse, in whole or in part, the findings of a Trial Court, or remand the case for a new trial, or change the penalty imposed by that court, it shall return to the Annual Conference or to the secretary of the Trial Court a statement of the grounds of its action.

§ 13. The order of appeals on Questions of Law shall be as follows: From the decision of the Preacher in Charge to the District Superintendent presiding in the Quarterly or District Conference; from the

decision of the District Superintendent to the Bishop presiding in the Annual Conference; and from the decision of the Bishop to the Judicial Conference, in case of appeal; otherwise to the General Conference.

§ 14. When an appeal is taken on a Question of Law, written notice of the same shall be served on the Secretary of the body in which the decision has been rendered, whose duty it shall be to see that an exact statement of the question submitted and the ruling of the Chair thereon be entered on the Journal. He shall then make and certify a copy of the said question and ruling and transmit the same to the Secretary of the body to which the appeal goes. The Secretary who thus receives said certified copy shall present the same in open Conference and as soon as practicable lay it before the Presiding Officer for his ruling thereon; which ruling must be rendered before the final adjournment of that body, that said ruling together with the original question and ruling may be entered on the Journal of that Conference. The same course shall be followed in all subsequent appeals.



PART VI
TEMPORAL ECONOMY

- I. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT**
- II. CHURCH PROPERTY**
- III. LADIES' AID SOCIETIES**

CHAPTER I

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

I. Stewards

¶ 314. There shall be not less than three nor more than thirty-one Stewards in each Circuit or Station, except that in Circuits or Stations of over five hundred members, there may be added one Steward for each additional one hundred members. After each annual election one of the Stewards shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference Recording Steward, one District Steward, one Reserve District Steward, and one Communion Steward, for each appointment. But when two or more Pastoral Charges shall be united the Stewards of the Several Pastoral Charges shall hold office until the newly created Quarterly Conference shall elect.

¶ 315. Let the Stewards be persons of solid piety who are members of the Church in the Pastoral Charge, who both know and love Methodist Doctrine and Discipline, and are of good natural and acquired abilities to transact the temporal business of the Church.

¶ 316. The Pastor shall have the right to nominate the Stewards, but the Quarterly Conference shall confirm or reject such nominations. The Stewards elected at the Fourth Quarterly Conference unless otherwise provided by direct action of that Conference, shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the adjournment of the next Annual Conference,

and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

¶ 317. The duties of Stewards are: To take an exact account of all the money or other resources received for the support of the Ministers in the Charge, and to apply the same as the Discipline directs; to make an accurate return of every expenditure of money, whether for the Ministers or the poor members of the Church; to seek the needy and distressed in order to relieve and comfort them; to inform the Ministers of any sick or disorderly persons; to tell the Ministers what they think wrong in them; to attend the Quarterly Meetings, the Official Board Meetings, and the Leaders and Stewards' Meetings of the Charge; to give advice, if asked, in planning the Circuit; to attend committees for the application of money to Churches; to give counsel in matters of arbitration; to provide the elements for the Lord's Supper; to write circular letters to the Societies in the Pastoral Charge, exhorting them to greater liberality, if need be, and urging systematic giving in accordance with Special Advice VII, and also to let them know, when occasion requires, the state of the temporal concerns of the Charge.

¶ 318. Stewards are accountable for the faithful performance of their duties to the Quarterly Conference of the Charge, which shall have power to dismiss or change them at pleasure.

II. Ministerial Support

* NOTE.—See also ¶¶ 111 and 112.

¶ 319. The Quarterly Conference of any Charge may organize and continue during its pleasure an

Official Board, to be composed of all the Members of the Quarterly Conference. In the case of circuits the Quarterly Conference may organize, and continue during its pleasure, Official Boards for the several appointments of the Charge, such Official Boards to be composed of the Members of the Quarterly Conference attached to the respective appointments.

¶ 320. The Official Board shall hold its meetings monthly on a stated day. The Pastor shall be the President of the Official Board, and shall preside over its meetings, or, in his absence a Vice-Chairman regularly elected shall preside. There shall also be chosen a Secretary, a Financial Secretary, and two Treasurers, one for the local budget and one for the Benevolence budget. When so organized the Official Board may discharge the duties of the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting. When such action is taken it shall void such provisions of the *Discipline*, under "Ministerial Support," as relate to the financial duties of the Stewards. ¶¶ 317, 323. The duties of the Secretary are to make a record of the proceedings of the Official Board and after examination by Committee on Church Records, send the same to the fourth Quarterly Conference for approval. The duties of the Financial Secretary are to receive all moneys coming to the church, keep an account with each individual subscriber, and promptly turn over said moneys to the respective Treasurers and report to each monthly meeting. The duties of the Treasurer of the local budget are to receive from the Financial Secretary all moneys received for the local budget, and disburse the same as ordered by the Official Board or Quarterly Conference and report to each

monthly meeting. The duties of the Treasurer of Benevolences are to receive from the Financial Secretary all moneys intended for Benevolences and disburse them as follows:

(a) Benevolences ordered by the General Conference shall be forwarded monthly to the Treasurer of the World Service Commission. (¶ 545.)

(b) Benevolences ordered by the Annual Conference shall be forwarded as directed by the Annual Conference.

(c) Other benevolences and special collections as ordered by the Quarterly Conference or Official Board. He shall keep a true record and report monthly to the Official Board or Quarterly Conference.

¶ 321. The Official Board or, where no such Board is organized, the Quarterly Conference shall further organize by the selection, with the consent of the Pastor, of committees for the care of Church property, finance, music, and such other committees as may be thought necessary. The Finance Committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than seven members, whose duty it shall be before the close of the fiscal year to prepare an estimate of the current expenses and benevolences for the ensuing year. This estimate shall include the amount necessary for ministerial support, namely:—for Pastor's salary and house rent, District Superintendent, Bishops, and Conference Claimants. Also the amount deemed necessary for current expenses, such as interest on indebtedness, heat and light, music, insurance, repairs and supplies, telephone, printing and postage, janitor service, and miscellaneous items. Also for Benevolences as apportioned to each Charge by the World Service Commission. This budget of Benevolences

and Current Expenses shall be presented at a special meeting called to hear the report, or at the last monthly meeting of the fiscal year.

¶ 322. When approved by the Official Board, or Quarterly Conference, immediate steps shall be taken by a personal canvass of the entire membership of the Church and congregation to secure pledges to meet these by weekly payments, so that the result may be known on the last Sunday of the fiscal year, and payment of these pledges begin on the first Sunday of the new fiscal year.

III. Support of Pastors

¶ 323, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference of each Pastoral Charge at the session immediately preceding the Annual Conference, to determine the minimum amount the charge shall pay for pastoral support for the ensuing year. To this end the Committee on Estimating Pastoral Support, after conferring with the Pastor, shall report the amount of the support agreed upon for the ensuing year to the Quarterly Conference, to the action of which the report shall be subject. To the amount thus determined upon shall be added the amount apportioned for the support of Conference Claimants, Bishops, and District Superintendent; and, when the method prescribed in ¶¶ 319-322 is not in force, the Stewards shall provide for the raising of the sum thus required. In case it may seem desirable to increase the estimate, the Committee, after conferring with the Pastor, shall report the amount of the support agreed upon for that year to the First

Quarterly Conference, to the action of which the report shall be subject.

§ 2. The Traveling and Moving Expenses of the Ministers shall not be included in the estimate, but shall be paid by the Stewards as a separate item.

¶ 324. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference, whenever practicable, to organize Conference Sustentation Fund Societies to supplement the inadequate ministerial support in those Pastoral Charges which are unable to furnish a sufficient support.

¶ 325. Should the people among whom a Member of an Annual Conference has labored fail to pay him his allowance, he may present a claim for the same to the Conference, and the Conference may authorize the Conference Stewards to pay a part or all of said claim out of funds at its disposal for such purpose, and shall include in its report the name of the Pastoral Charge with the amount paid. In no case, however, shall the Church or the Conference be held accountable for a final deficiency.

IV. District Stewards and Support of District Superintendents

¶ 326. The duties of District Stewards are: To attend the annual District Stewards' Meeting when called by the District Superintendent, to cooperate with the District Superintendent in carrying out uniformly in the District the Disciplinary plans for Ministerial Support, and to perform the duties specified in ¶¶ 327, 328.

PLAN 1

¶ 327. There shall be held annually, in every District, a meeting of the District Stewards (¶ 326),

whose duty it shall be, with the advice of the District Superintendent presiding in such District Stewards' Meeting, to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish a comfortable support for the District Superintendent; and to apportion the same, including House Rent and Traveling Expenses; and also the claims for the support of the Bishops as apportioned to the District by the Annual Conference, among the Pastoral Charges in the District, according to their several ability. For apportionment for Conference Claimants, see ¶ 337. In all cases the District Superintendent shall share with the Pastors in his District in proportion to what they have respectively received. The District Stewards shall determine a date within each quarter of the Conference year to be known as Settlement Day; on which date the Pastors, District Superintendents, Conference Claimants, and Episcopal Claims shall be paid, if not previously paid at the time of the Quarterly Conference, said date to be not later than the middle of the quarter. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Fund for Ministerial Support on each Charge to make remittance on said date by mail or otherwise to the District Superintendent of the *pro rata* amount due him. The minutes of the District Stewards' Meeting shall be kept by a Secretary chosen for the purpose, who shall also record the same in a book of which the District Superintendent shall be the custodian.

PLAN 2.—ALTERNATIVE

¶ 328, § 1. Any Annual Conference desiring to do so may by a majority vote, instead of the above, adopt the following plan:

§ 2. There shall be organized in the Conference a

Commission on Finance to consist of the several District Superintendents, together with one Minister and two laymen from each District.

§ 3. The commission shall organize by electing its own officers. These shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. There may be a Treasurer in each District to hold and distribute the funds of that District.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the Commission on Finance of the Annual Conference to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendent of each District in the Conference.

§ 5. The several District Superintendents shall be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the commission for their salaries monthly, according to the credits of their Districts in the treasury, or each on the Treasurer of his own District, as the commission may determine.

§ 6. The Conference Commission on Finance shall apportion the sum required to be raised for this purpose among the Charges on such basis as the Conference may direct. The Commission shall also apportion to the Charges, on the same basis, the amount assigned the District for the Support of the Bishops. For apportionment for Conference Claimants see ¶ 337.

§ 7. The amount apportioned to each Pastoral Charge for the support of District Superintendents shall be a *pro rata* claim with that of the Bishops, Pastor, and Conference Claimants. Conference Claimants, Bishops, and Pastor shall be entitled to their claims only to the extent to which the claim of the District Superintendent is also met by the Charge.

§ 8. It shall be the duty of the District Stewards to

see that the fund for the support of the District Superintendents be raised and forwarded monthly to the Treasurer of the Commission on Finance of the Conference, or to the Treasurer of the District Superintendents' Fund for the District.

V. Support of Bishops

¶ 329, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish a competent support for each Effective Bishop, considering the number and condition of his family.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Book Committee, in fixing the allowance of Retired Bishops and of the widows of Bishops and minor or helpless children of deceased Bishops, to inquire carefully into the financial condition of each and to fix the allowance in every case at such a sum as may be required for a comfortable support; provided, that the amount so fixed for a Retired Bishop shall not exceed one-half the amount allowed for the support of effective Bishops, excluding house rent and clerical assistance.

¶ 330. The Bishops are authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund for the amounts allowed to them, inclusive of properly audited accounts for official travel, clerical assistance, and house rent or maintenance, as authorized by the Book Committee.

¶ 331. The Book Committee shall apportion the aggregate sum required to be raised for these purposes among the Annual Conferences, on the basis of the total amount raised in the respective Annual Conferences for Pastoral Support including rental

value of the parsonages, but exclusive of Missionary appropriations, and the Annual Conferences shall apportion the same to the several Districts, and the District Stewards shall apportion the amount apportioned to the District among the several Pastoral Charges. The amount apportioned to each Pastoral Charge for the support of the Bishops shall be a *pro rata* claim with that of the Pastor, Conference Claimants, and the District Superintendent; and the Pastor, Conference Claimants, and District Superintendent shall be entitled to their allowances only to the extent to which the claims of the Bishops are also met by the Charge or District with which such Pastor, Conference Claimants, and District Superintendent are connected, in accordance with ¶¶ 323, 328, § 7. It shall be the duty of the Annual Conferences to see that the amounts apportioned to the different Pastoral Charges for the support of the Bishops be raised and forwarded quarterly, when practicable, to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

¶ 332. The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund shall be elected quadrennially by the Book Committee; he shall charge the sums paid to the Bishops, and to the widows and minor or helpless children of deceased Bishops, to the Episcopal Fund; and all collections received from the different Charges for the support of the Bishops shall be credited to said fund. The Treasurer shall report annually to the Book Committee and Annual Conferences the amount received from the several Annual Conferences on account of said fund, and also the expenditures made; and shall also make to the General Conference a full and detailed exhibit of such receipts and expenditures for the preceding four years.

VI. Support of Conference Claimants

1. CLAIM

¶ 333, § 1. The claim to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel Ministry and rightfully inures to the benefit of the Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, when he is admitted to membership in an Annual Conference. Such claim is not invalidated by his being retired, and at his death passes to the dependent members of his family.

§ 2. Retired Ministers, the widows of deceased Ministers, during their widowhood, and while they remain members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their children under sixteen years of age, are Conference Claimants and beneficiaries of the moneys as hereinafter provided.¹

2. PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS

¶ 334, § 1. Moneys for the permanent endowment shall be held by the Board of Pensions and Relief, located at Chicago, Illinois, and shall be administered through its connectional *Permanent Fund*. The Board of Pensions and Relief shall also administer all gifts and bequests the custody of which is not otherwise designated, the income of which is intended for the use of Conference Claimants.

§ 2. Moneys contributed to the Board of Pensions and Relief for the Permanent Fund may be sent to the Treasurer of the Board, Chicago, Illinois, who shall issue a voucher for the same; or they may be paid the Treasurer of the World Service Commission; or to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference, who shall receipt therefor and forward the amount so re-

¹ For relief of Retired Local Preachers, see ¶¶ 226, 612, 484, § 4.

ceived to the Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief.

¶ 335. Annual Conferences are authorized to establish and maintain investment Funds; Preachers' Aid Societies; and organizations and funds of similar character, under such names, plans, rules, and regulations as they may determine, the income from which shall be applied to the support of Conference Claimants. It is recommended that each Annual Conference provide an incorporated Board to administer its permanent funds.

3. ANNIVERSARIES

¶ 336, § 1. *Conference Anniversary.* Each Annual Conference shall hold one service during its session, to be known as the Conference Claimants' Anniversary, for the promotion of the interests of Conference Claimants.

§ 2. *Joint Session.* The Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences are recommended to hold a Joint Session quadrennially in the interests of Conference Claimants, and, jointly, to adopt such measures as shall promote the active cooperation of Preachers and people in the liberal support of this cause.

§ 3. *Veterans' Day.* Each Congregation shall observe annually one Sunday as Conference Claimants' Day. The second Sunday in May shall be so observed, unless another day be substituted by the Annual Conference, and shall be known as "Veterans' Day."

4. APPORTIONMENT

¶ 337. The Annual Conference, through its Stewards, shall determine the total amount required to pay the annuity and necessitous claims, first computing the amount required for all the Conference Claim-

ants, and then subtracting from such amount the income received during the previous year from the Chartered Fund, The Book Concern and the Board of Pensions and Relief and from all other sources for this purpose, except the receipts from the Pastoral Charges. The remainder shall be equitably apportioned by the Conference Stewards to the several Pastoral Charges; provided, however, that the amount asked for the necessitous cases shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

5. ESTIMATING COMMITTEE

¶ 338. The Quarterly Conference of the Pastoral Charge to which a Conference Claimant is related shall require its Committee on Estimating Ministerial Support to estimate also the amount necessary to provide a comfortable support for such Conference Claimant, giving full information in case of special need. After this estimate has been considered and approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be certified by the president and secretary thereof and sent to the Secretary of the Conference Stewards for their guidance.

6. CONFERENCE STEWARDS

¶ 339, § 1. Each Annual Conference shall elect Conference Stewards, who may be either ministers in the effective relation or laymen, arranged in classes so that one third of the Members shall be elected each year.

§ 2. The Conference Stewards shall ascertain what Claimants are in special need, *i. e., whose needs require more than can be paid to them from the Annuity Distribution*, and, using as a general basis the estimates received from the Quarterly Confer-

ences and other available information, shall make an equitable allowance to them, which shall be paid *pro rata* from moneys available for that purpose.

§ 3. The Conference Stewards may also consider and act upon any claim which the Quarterly Conference may have overlooked.

§ 4. Each Annual Conference shall determine whether or not its Conference Stewards shall make a preliminary report; and, if so, whether or not it shall be read in open Conference, or the action of the Conference Stewards be final.

§ 5. An Annual Conference shall have authority to recognize as Claimants the widow and minor children of a former Member by agreement with the Conference of which he was a Member at the time of his death.

§ 6. The amount received each year from the Pastoral Charges shall be divided between the Annuity and Necessitous Distribution in proportion to the amount asked at the previous session of the Annual Conference.

§ 7. An Annual Conference may authorize its Board of Stewards to pay the annuity claim of its Claimants annually, semi-annually or quarterly.¹

§ 8. The Conference Stewards shall forward to the Board of Pensions and Relief a certified copy of their Report, made on blanks furnished by said Board, in which shall be shown the annuities and allowances made to each Conference Claimant, together with additional data for the guidance of the Board of Pensions and Relief in making its appropriations for Connectional Relief and in preparing its

¹ See *Journal*, 1924: Report No. 16, Committee on Judiciary; Ruling 49.

Annual Report; and certifying to the total annuity years of the several Conferences, for the guidance of the Book Committee (¶ 393).

7. METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION

¶ 340, § 1. There are three methods for the distribution of moneys raised for the support of Conference Claimants, viz.:

1. The *Annuity* Distribution to Conference Claimants, by Annual Conferences. ¶ 341.

2. The *Necessitous* Distribution to Conference Claimants, by Annual Conferences. ¶ 343.

3. The *Connectional Relief* Distribution to Annual Conferences, by the Board of Pensions and Relief. ¶¶ 344, 481-482.

§ 2. Moneys for the above mentioned purposes shall be derived from public collections, private gifts, bequests, and other sources; and that the Church may effectually meet the sacred obligation to provide a comfortable support for Conference Claimants, the rules and regulations for obtaining and administering the funds established for such purpose shall be observed by all Pastors, District Superintendents, and Bishops, and by all Pastoral Charges, Quarterly, District, and Annual Conferences.

1. *The Annual Conference Annuity Distribution*

¶ 341. The Annual Conference Annuity Distribution shall be made to Conference Claimants by the Conference Stewards according to the following regulations:

§ 1. Retired Ministers are entitled to annuities for their years of service in the effective relation in the Methodist Episcopal Church, provided they have

reached the age of sixty-five years or more at the time of retirement, or have been retired because of disability. Ministers who have been or may be retired for any reason other than these, may be granted relief from the funds for Necessitous Distribution, but shall have no claim on the funds for Annuity Distribution.

§ 2. The annuity claim of a Retired Minister shall be not less than one seventieth ($1/70$) of the average salary, house rent excluded, of the effective members of his Conference who are Pastors or District Superintendents, multiplied by the number of his years of service in the effective relation, including two years on trial, as a member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in a pastorate or district superintendency or under appointment to an institution or organization under the control of, or under the auspices of, the Methodist Episcopal Church, excepting those institutions or organizations providing an annuity for years of service in them. This section shall not apply adversely to years of service rendered prior to the day of adjournment of the General Conference of 1924.

§ 3. The annuity claim of a widow shall be determined by the number of years during which she was the wife of a Preacher while he was in the effective relation, as a Member of an Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, including two years on trial, regardless of any intervening period of widowhood, and shall be three fourths of the annuity claim of a Retired Minister for such term of years. The annuity claim of a widow shall take effect upon her husband's death.

§ 4. Each widow claimant, unless asking through

a Quarterly Conference for relief from the funds for necessitous distribution, shall forward annually to the Board of Conference Stewards a certificate from the Pastor of the charge where she holds her membership, stating that she is not remarried and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A certificate shall be furnished annually for each dependent orphan, showing a valid right to the claim, and if between sixteen and eighteen years of age and attending school or college, an additional certificate from the Principal of such school showing enrollment and regular attendance.

§ 5. The term of a father's effective service shall determine the annuity claim of his child, which shall be one fourth of the claim of a Retired Minister, for such term. In case a dependent child is continued in school or college, the age limit may be increased from **sixteen to eighteen years**. This provision shall apply to a child legally adopted by a member of an Annual Conference.¹ The annuity claim of a dependent child of a minister shall take effect upon the death of the father.

§ 6. The minimum annuity rate shall be determined for an Annual Conference on the basis of the ministerial support of the year during which the General Conference is held and shall be the minimum annuity rate for the succeeding four years.

§ 7. Whenever a Conference Claimant shall be in debt to The Book Concern, the Conference shall have power to appropriate the amount of the annuity claim, or any part thereof, to the payment of such debt.

§ 8. For a year at a time and without prejudice to

¹ This provision is not to be construed to mean a child adopted *after* the time of retirement. See *Journal*, May 27, 1924.

their rights, Conference Claimants may voluntarily relinquish their claims.

§ 9. On recommendation of the Conference Stewards the claim may be disallowed by action of the Annual Conference, taken after opportunity to be heard has been given. When a claim has been disallowed it can be reconsidered at any subsequent Conference session, but only upon recommendation of the Conference Board of Stewards.

§ 10. Failure in Conference Studies may invalidate claim. See ¶ 617, § 4.

¶ 342. Moneys designated for Annuity Distribution shall be *distributed on the basis of service*, and shall consist of:

§ 1. The dividends of The Book Concern and the Chartered Fund.

§ 2. The income from any investments made by the Annual Conference for Annuity Distribution and held in trust for this purpose.

§ 3. Such gifts and bequests as are made for Annuity Distribution.

§ 4. Such proportion of the money received from the Pastoral Charges for Conference Claimants as is for Annuity Distribution.

2. *The Annual Conference Necessitous Distribution*

¶ 343. Moneys designated for Necessitous Distribution shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards *on the basis of special need* and shall consist of:

§ 1. The annual appropriation for Connectional Relief paid to the Annual Conference by the Board of Pensions and Relief.

§ 2. Such proportion of the money received from

the Pastoral Charges as is for Necessitous Distribution.

§ 3. The income from such gifts and bequests as are made for necessitous distribution.

§ 4. Gifts and bequests made for immediate distribution.

§ 5. Income arising from investments made by Relief and Aid Societies of Annual Conference, if so determined by them.

3. Connectional Relief Distribution

¶ 344. (a) For the Connectional Relief Distribution to Annual Conferences by the Board of Pensions and Relief, see ¶¶ 487-488.

(b) For the relief of Supply Pastors, see ¶ 484, § 4.

(c) In order to equalize among the several Annual Conferences the Claims for annuities paid by them for years of service rendered in other Conferences than their own, there shall be created an Equalization Fund, the receipts from which shall be distributed among the several Conferences in proportion to their liability for the years of service of their Retired Ministers rendered in other Conferences than their own. Such equalization fund shall become a part of the connectional apportionment of the Board of Pensions and Relief, and shall be distributed directly to the Annual Conferences in proportion to their several liabilities for such years of service; provided that the rate paid to an Annual Conference shall in no case exceed the rate paid by such Conference to its Conference Claimants. The Board of Pensions and Relief shall determine the processes by which this legislation shall be put into operation.

CHAPTER II

CHURCH PROPERTY

I. Trustees—Appointment and Duties

¶ 345. Each Board of Trustees of our Church property shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons, each of whom shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, and two thirds of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

¶ 346. In all cases where the law of the State or Territory or Country fixes the mode of election, qualifications of voters and trustees, or any other matters pertaining to their election, let its requirements be carefully observed.

¶ 347. In all other cases the Trustees may be elected by ballot by members of the Church not less than twenty-one years of age, at a meeting called for that purpose at a date near to and not later than the fourth Quarterly Conference. Ten or more members of the required age must unite in a written request for such meeting, and shall present it to the Pastor,

NOTE.—Wherever the general State law does not meet the needs of our Church administration, the Annual Conference, through its Board of Trustees, or otherwise, is authorized to seek such enactments as will recognize the authority of our Church laws wherever they may not conflict with the Constitution of such State.

or, if there be no Pastor, to the District Superintendent, who shall thereupon fix the date and place of the election, and notice thereof shall be given publicly from the pulpit for two Sundays prior to the date fixed.

¶ 348. But in Churches which do not come under the provisions of ¶ 347, and when no such written request shall have been made by the members, the Trustees shall be elected annually by the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Charge. One third of the Trustees may be elected each year to serve for three years. In case of failure to elect at the proper time a subsequent Quarterly Conference may elect. Trustees shall hold their office until the close of the Quarterly Conference at which their successors shall have been elected.

¶ 349, § 1. All the foregoing provisions shall apply both to the creation of new Boards and to the filling of vacancies, whether for houses of worship or for dwellings for the Preachers.

§ 2. Charters obtained for Church property, in the manner of creating and filling Boards of Trustees, shall conform to the provisions of this chapter.

¶ 350. The Board or Boards of Trustees in any Charge shall hold all Church Property, using so much of the proceeds as may be needful to pay debts or to make repairs, and shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference. They shall hold all trusts and invest Trust Funds coming under their control, in conformity with the laws of the Country, or State, or Territory, and shall deposit trust funds in savings banks, or invest them only in securities which are lawful for Savings Banks or Trustees. They shall make to the first Quarterly Conference their annual

report in writing for their last fiscal year, which report should be previously adopted by the Board of Trustees. This report shall embrace the following items: 1. Number of churches and parsonages. 2. Their probable values. 3. Other real estate and personal property held. 4. Title by which each piece of real estate is held. 5. Income therefrom and how expended. 6. Receipts from congregation and how expended. 7. Amount raised during the year for building and improving churches and parsonages. 8. Debts and how contracted. 9. Amount of insurance on each property and whether restricted by coinsurance or other limiting conditions. 10. Who is custodian of, and where are the legal papers kept? 11. Detailed list of trusts: funds, where invested; incomes, how applied.

¶ 351. Trustees, or other Church Officers, having charge of our Church property shall not prevent or interfere with the legal and proper uses of such property as intended by the laws and usages of the denomination, and they shall not use the property for purposes not in harmony with the law and the intention for which the property was created. They shall not prevent or interfere with the Pastor or other duly authorized Ministers of the denomination in the use of said property for religious services or other proper meetings recognized by the law and usage of the denomination. Further, no Pastor or other Officer shall abolish or prevent a service in the Church property which has been ordered by, or according to Church law or authority.

¶ 352. In no case shall the Trustees of Church or Parsonage property mortgage or encumber the real estate for the current expenses of the Church.

II. Conveyance of Church Property

¶ 353. Churches may become incorporated in all cases where the law of the land permits, and it is deemed that the welfare of the Churches will be promoted thereby. The articles of incorporation or Charter shall provide that the corporation shall support the doctrine, and shall be subject to the law, usages and ministerial appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as from time to time established, made and declared, by the lawful authority of the said Church. The officers of the corporation shall be a Board of Trustees, elected and organized according to the law of the Methodist Episcopal Church, unless otherwise determined by the paramount law of the land. The Charter shall also provide that the corporation shall have power to acquire, hold, improve, encumber, exchange, sell and convey, and dispose of property, both real and personal, *in fee simple* or otherwise.

¶ 354. Property for Church purposes should be acquired and held by an absolute title, *in fee simple*, if possible. In the case of incorporated Churches, the conveyance should be made directly to the corporation. In other cases, the conveyance should be made to Trustees, heirs, and assigns; or, to Trustees, their successors, and assigns, as the law of the land may require; in either case setting forth the names of the Trustees. Whether conveyed to a corporation, or to trustees, the deed of Conveyance shall contain a trust clause in the following words, or in words to this effect, to wit: "*In trust for the use of the A. B. Methodist Episcopal Church* [giving the name of the Church acquiring the property, incorporated or un-

incorporated, as the case may be]; *subject to the doctrines, law, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as from time to time established, made and declared, by the lawful authority of the said Church; and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered, the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied to the use aforesaid; subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the Church relating to abandoned Church property; and of that forbidding the mortgaging of real estate for current expenses."*

¶ 355. Churches, incorporated or not, may encumber, sell, and dispose of their real estate for the use aforesaid, when they deem it advantageous; in all cases observing the requirements of the law of the land, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In all transactions affecting real estate, Church officers should be careful to obtain and follow the direction of competent advisers, as to the substance, form, execution and recording, of all contracts, deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, involved in the said transactions.

¶ 356, § 1. Wherever it shall be found by any District Superintendent that it is impracticable to incorporate a local Society, or to form a Board of Trustees, at places where work should be undertaken and maintained, property acquired for Church or Parsonage purposes may be deeded to the Annual Conference within the bounds of which the property is located, if the laws of the Country, or State, or Territory will permit, in trust for the local Society existing or in contemplation. In similar cases where the law of the Country or State requires Church property to be held by Boards of Trustees, the Board of Trus-

tees of the Annual Conference may hold the property in trust for the local Society until such time as the local Society shall form a Board of Trustees, or until other Disciplinary disposal of the property shall be made.

§ 2. When a donation is received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in case the property involved is held in trust by the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference no trust bond and mortgage shall be required by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, provided the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference agrees, with the approval of the Annual Conference, that the property shall not be re-deeded without protecting the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and that the annual appropriations to the Conference may be withheld, if need be, for such protection.

§ 3. For donations in sums not exceeding five hundred dollars, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension is authorized to accept a contract in place of a Trust Bond and Mortgage.

III. Building Churches

¶ 357. Let all our Churches be plain and decent, and with free seats wherever practicable; and not more expensive than is absolutely unavoidable.

¶ 358. In order more effectually to prevent our people from contracting debts which they are not able to discharge, it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Conference of every Charge where it is contemplated to build a house or houses of worship, to secure the ground or lot on which such house or

houses are to be built, according to our Deed of Settlement, which Deed must be legally executed; and said Quarterly Conference, upon nomination of the Pastor, shall appoint a judicious Committee of not less than three nor more than seven members of our Church, who shall form an estimate of the amount necessary to build; and one half of the money required, according to such estimate, shall be secured or subscribed before any such building shall be commenced.

¶ 359. In all cases where debts for building houses of worship have been, or may be, incurred contrary to, or in disregard of the foregoing recommendation, our members and friends are requested to discountenance such a course by declining to give pecuniary aid to any agents who shall travel beyond their own Circuits or Districts for the collection of funds for the discharge of such debts; except in such peculiar cases as may be approved by an Annual Conference, or in case of such agents as may be appointed by their authority.

IV. Mortgaging and Sale of Church Property

¶ 360. If the Trustees of Church property, or any of them, have advanced any sum or sums of money, or are responsible for any sum or sums of money, on account of said property, and they, the said Trustees, are obliged to pay the said sums of money, they, or a majority of them, shall be authorized to raise the said sum or sums of money, by a mortgage on the said premises, or by selling the said premises, after notice given to the Pastor or Minister of the congregation attending divine service on the said premises,

if the money due be not paid to the said Trustees, or their successors, within one year after such notice is given. If such mortgaging or sale take place, the said Trustees or their successors, after paying the debts and other expenses which are due from the money arising from such mortgaging or sale, shall pay the balance, if not needed and applied for the purchase or improvement of other property for the use of the Church, to the Annual Conference within whose bounds such property is located; and in case of a reorganization of said society, and the erection of a new Church building, within five years after such transfer of funds, then the said Annual Conference shall repay the said new corporation the moneys which it has received from the Church or society.

¶ 361. Whenever it shall become necessary for the payment of debts, or with a view to reinvestment, to mortgage or make a sale of Church property that may have been conveyed to Trustees of the Church corporation for either of the foregoing purposes, said Trustees or their successors, upon application to Quarterly Conference, may obtain an order for the mortgage or sale—a majority of all the members of such Quarterly Conference concurring, and the Pastor and the District Superintendent of the District consenting—with such limitations and restrictions as said Quarterly Conference may judge necessary; and said Trustees so authorized may mortgage or sell and convey, such property;

Provided, that in Countries, States or Territories where the civil or statute law provides any manner of alienation, conveyance, and control of real estate inconsistent with the foregoing, such mortgage, sale, alienation, or control may be effected pursuant to the

provisions of the laws of such Country, State or Territory; and

Provided, that in all cases the proceeds of the mortgage or sale after the payments of debts, if any, if not applied to the purchase or improvement of other property for the same uses, and deeded to the corporation in the same manner, shall be held by such corporation subject to the order of the Annual Conference within the bounds of which such property is located, or of the Trustees of the Conference fund; and

Provided, that nothing contained in this or the last preceding paragraph shall prevent the establishment and maintenance of an Endowment Fund for the use and benefit of the existing Church Society or Societies, and said fund shall not be subject to the order of the Annual Conference or the Trustees of the Conference Fund, except as provided in ¶ 363.

¶ 362. Whenever a local society in the United States is no longer able to maintain itself without encumbering or making liable its real estate for current expenses, or whenever by reason of the reduction of its membership or the changing character of the community or population which the Church is intended to serve, it shall become desirable or necessary to discontinue or abandon such location, it shall be the duty of the Trustees and the members of such local Society, when so authorized and directed by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference within the bounds of which it is located, and with the consent of the Resident Bishop and of a majority of the District Superintendents, to sell such property and pay over the proceeds to the said Annual Conference; or at the option of said local Society to convey

such property to the Annual Conference; subject, however, to return in the same manner and upon the same contingencies as named in ¶ 360.

Such disposition of said property or the proceeds of the sale thereof, or the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of any abandoned property coming within the provisions of ¶ 363, may be made by the Annual Conference as in its judgment will best promote the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Conference concerned, preferring, if possible, the interests of the community in which, or more nearly to which, the said Church property was originally located. *Provided*, the action of the Annual Conference has the approval of the Resident Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents, any such property or the proceeds of the sale thereof may be used in the erection or the improvement of other Church property, or may be transferred to a duly organized and incorporated City or Rural Society or to a duly constituted Trustee for such uses.

Provided further, that in States or Territories where the civil or statute laws provide any manner of alienation, conveyance, and control of real estate, inconsistent with the foregoing, such mortgage, sale, alienation, or control may be effected pursuant to the provisions of the laws of such State or Territory.

¶ 363, § 1. In all cases where Church property is abandoned, or no longer used for the purpose originally designed, it shall be the duty of the Trustees, if any remain, to sell such property and pay over the proceeds to the Annual Conference within the bounds of which it is located; and where no such lawful Trustees remain, it shall be the duty of said Annual Conference to secure the custody of such Church

property by such means as the laws of the Country or State may afford, subject to return in the same manner and upon the same contingencies as named in ¶¶ 360, 361.

§ 2. Houses of worship and Parsonages may be removed from one place to another on the same conditions as those on which they may be sold.

§ 3. When a Church or Society is separated from a Charge owning a Parsonage, and united with a Charge which does not own a Parsonage, said Church or Society shall be entitled to receive its just share of the value of the Parsonage in which it had invested funds. The equity of said Church shall be determined by a committee of three persons, appointed by the District Superintendent, who shall not be members of either interested Church, and the finding of said committee shall be final.

V. Building and Renting Parsonages

¶ 364. It is recommended by the General Conference that our Ministers advise our friends in general to purchase a lot of ground in each Charge, to build a Parsonage thereon, and to furnish it with at least heavy furniture.

¶ 365. The General Conference recommends to each Charge, in case it is not able to comply with the above request, to rent a house for its married Pastor and his family, and that the Annual Conference assist in providing the rental of such houses as far as it can, when the Pastoral Charges cannot do it.

¶ 366. Wherever there are two or more Societies on a Pastoral Charge a separate Board of Trustees, consisting of not less than three nor more than nine

persons, shall be elected by the Societies on said Charge, to be the custodians of the Parsonage property on such Charge. Such Trustees shall have the qualifications required by ¶ 345 of the *Discipline* for Trustees of Church property, and shall become bodies corporate wherever practicable under the laws of the Countries, States and Territories within whose bounds such Parsonage property is located.

¶ 367. The Stewards in each Charge shall be a standing Committee, where no Trustees are constituted for that purpose, to provide houses for the families of our married Ministers, or to assist the Ministers to obtain houses for themselves, when they are appointed to labor among them.

¶ 368. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendents and Ministers to use their influence to carry into effect the above rules, respecting building and renting houses for the accommodation of Ministers and their families. In order to accomplish this, unless other measures be adopted, each Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee, which, with the advice and aid of the Ministers and District Superintendents, shall devise such means as may seem wise to raise moneys for that purpose. And it is recommended to the Annual Conferences to make a special inquiry of their Members respecting this part of their duty.

VI. Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church

¶ 369. There shall be an incorporated Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Cincinnati, composed of twelve members, divided into classes of three Ministers and three Laymen

each. The term of office shall be eight years. Each General Conference shall elect one class, and fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, cessation of membership in the Church, or otherwise. Vacancies occurring in the interval of the General Conference shall be filled for the remainder of the quadrennium by the Bishops.

¶ 370. The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the action of the General Conference, should not be confounded with local Boards of Trustees of Church property referred to in ¶¶ 345-352 of the *Discipline*, which local Boards have the care only of Church property within the several Pastoral Charges to which they are related, and are amenable to their respective Quarterly Conferences. The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church are constituted by the General Conference and made amenable thereto, in order that the Church may have competent representation in legal proceedings and have an authorized body to care for and administer all the property conveyed to it, or committed to it in trust, within the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

¶ 371. This corporation shall hold in trust, for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, any and all donations, bequests, gifts, grants, and funds in trust, etc., that may be given or conveyed directly to the Methodist Episcopal Church or to the Corporation for the Benefit of said Church or for the benefit of Conference Claimants, or for the benefit of any of the benevolent Societies or other Institutions under the patronage or direction of the Church, or for any

other benevolent purpose that the Corporation may judge to be in harmony with the purposes for which it was instituted, and to administer the said funds, and the proceeds of the same, in accordance with the directions of the donors, and the interests of the Church contemplated by said donors; provided, that any sums thus donated or bequeathed, but not especially designated for any benevolent object, shall be added to the "Permanent Funds"; and provided, also, that the Corporation shall not be required to accept any gift, bequest, or trust to which may be attached conditions deemed by the Corporation to be unreasonable or inconsistent with the terms of the trust, or likely to produce embarrassment in administration; and having accepted any gift or bequest in trust, it shall be responsible only for the careful and economical administration of the same, and shall not be held to account to any beneficiary for either the principal or income therefrom beyond what may be secured by fidelity and diligence. Each trust shall be charged with the expense necessary to its care and administration.

¶ 372. It shall be the duty of the Pastor within the bounds of whose Charge any donation, bequest, gift, grant, or trust is made directly to the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to this Corporation—the *Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church*—to give prompt notice thereof to the said Trustees, in order that they may protect and administer the same without delay.

¶ 373. This corporation shall make to each General Conference a full report in which shall be shown the Funds and Properties held in trust and the receipts and disbursements during the quadrennium.

¶ 374. There shall be a Fund known as "The Permanent Fund," to be held by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the principal of which shall be intact forever, and which shall be invested by said Trustees on first-class securities, and at as favorable rates as can be legally secured.

¶ 375. It shall be the duty of all Ministers to obtain, as far as practicable, contributions to said Fund, by donations, bequests, and otherwise.

¶ 376. The interest accumulating from said Fund shall be subject to the order of the General Conference for the following purposes: 1. To pay the expenses of the General Conference. 2. To pay the expenses of Delegations appointed by the General Conference to Corresponding Bodies. 3. To make up any deficiencies in the salaries of the Bishops. 4. To relieve the necessities of the Retired Ministers, and of the widows and children of those who have died in the work.

VII. Auditing and Bonding

¶ 377. All persons holding trust funds, securities and moneys of any kind, belonging to the General Conference or to an Annual Conference or Mission Conference or to organizations under the Control of an Annual or Mission Conference, shall be bonded in a reliable company in a good and sufficient sum, as the Conference may direct, and the Conference shall pay the expense of said bonding. These accounts shall be audited at least once a year.

CHAPTER III

LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

¶ 378, § 1. For the promotion of the social and financial interests of the Churches, Ladies' Aid Societies, or Societies of similar designation and purpose, may be organized in the local Charge, which Societies shall be under the control of the Quarterly Conference.

§ 2. The President of a Ladies' Aid Society shall be elected by the Society and confirmed by the Quarterly Conference. If a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she shall then become a Member of the Quarterly Conference if approved by it for membership therein. It shall be her duty to present to the fourth Quarterly Conference a report of her Society, together with such other information as the Quarterly Conference may require and she may be able to give.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendents when holding District or Quarterly Conferences to inquire into the condition of the Ladies' Aid Societies, and to ascertain if they are conducting their affairs in harmony with the purpose and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of Pastors to organize and maintain Ladies' Aid Societies, if practicable.

CHAPTER III

THEORY AND PRACTICE

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CHAPTER I

THE BOOK CONCERN

I. The Methodist Book Concern

¶ 379, § 1. The Methodist Book Concern comprises the publishing interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in the *Discipline* and in its articles of incorporation, under the corporate name, The Methodist Book Concern, and consists of the publishing houses located in New York City and in Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively; the Depositories connected therewith; the books, periodicals, and publications of the Church; and such other property, equipment, and appliances for their production, sale, and distribution, as the General Conference or the Book Committee from time to time may authorize and direct.

§ 2. The objects and purposes for which The Methodist Book Concern was established and is carried on are: the promotion of Christian education; the dissemination of moral and religious literature; the spread of Christianity by the publication, sale, and distribution of moral and religious literature; the transaction of such other business as is properly connected with book-publishing, book-making, and book-selling; the produce of the same to be applied for the benefit of the Traveling, Supernumerary, and Retired Preachers, their wives, widows, and children,

in accordance with the Constitution and Discipline of the Church.

II. Book Committee

¶ 380, § 1. Beginning with A. D., 1924, the General Conference shall elect quadrennially a Book Committee consisting of one member from each of the Episcopal Areas in the United States into which the Annual Conferences are distributed, and eleven members of the Executive Committee as provided for in § 2 hereof. The Publishing Agents shall be *ex officio* members but without vote. The Areas shall be arranged alphabetically and numbered from one to twenty-one. The members of the Book Committee elected from the Areas designated by odd numbers shall be elected for a term of eight years, and those from the Areas designated by even numbers for a term of four years; and hereafter each General Conference shall elect for a term of eight years one member from each Area in the United States, who shall be nominated by the delegations representing that Area, to take the place of the member whose term is then expiring, or to fill any vacancy in the Committee for the unexpired term; provided that in any such case the person elected to fill such vacancy in an Area membership shall be from the Annual Conference to which the retiring member belonged, or within the bounds of which he resided. Any vacancy occurring in the Area membership of the Book Committee by a member's removal from the Area from which he was elected, or by any other cause whatsoever shall be filled by the Book Com-

mittee until the next session of the General Conference. Provided, however, that the present General Conference District Members of the Book Committee whose terms do not expire until 1928 shall, without further nomination and election, continue in office until the General Conference of 1928 and shall represent the respective Areas to which they now belong.

§ 2. Beginning with 1924 the Executive Committee shall consist of eleven members. The General Conference shall elect five members of the Executive Committee from New York City and the territory contiguous thereto, three of whom shall serve for four years and two for eight years; and three members from Cincinnati and the territory contiguous thereto, two of whom shall serve for four years and one for eight years; and three members from Chicago and the territory contiguous thereto, two of whom shall serve for eight years and one for four years; one at least of each group shall be a Minister.

Each General Conference after 1924 shall elect for eight years, members from the respective territories to take the places of those whose terms shall have expired, and shall fill for the unexpired term any vacancy by the election of a member from the territory in which the vacancy occurs. The Standing Committee on Book Concern shall nominate the eleven members of the Executive Committee. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Book Committee until the next session of the General Conference; providing, however, that the present members of the Local Committees whose terms do not expire until 1928, shall without further nomination and election con-

continue in office and as members of the Executive Committee until the General Conference of 1928.

The Chairman of the Book Committee shall be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee, with voice and vote in all of its proceedings.

The Publishing Agents shall be *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee, but without vote.

¶ 381, § 1. The Book Committee shall have general supervision and direction of the publishing interests. The Committee shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Conference and organize by the election of a chairman, a secretary, and such other officers as may be required by the laws of the States under which its articles of incorporation are obtained. It may also appoint such other officers and committees and adopt such rules and regulations for the transaction of its affairs as it may deem necessary. The officers shall perform such duties as are usually performed by similar officers.

§ 2. The annual meeting of the Book Committee shall be held on the third Wednesday in April, or at such other time as the Book Committee may determine, and special meetings may be held at such times and places as the Committee may appoint, or at the call of the chairman, or upon the written request of ten members of the Committee. At all meetings of the Book Committee a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

¶ 382. § 1. The Book Committee shall keep a correct record of its proceedings and shall examine carefully into the condition of the affairs of The Book Concern and make report thereof to the Annual Conferences and to the General Conference.

§ 2. The Methodist Book Concern shall not buy, sell, nor exchange any real estate except by order of the General Conference, or between the sessions of the General Conference except by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the Book Committee; nor shall the Book Committee authorize any new buildings or make any improvements, alterations, or repairs to existing buildings to cost in excess of \$50,000, except by order of the General Conference or between the sessions of the General Conference except by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the Book Committee. In either case such vote to be taken by a regular or called meeting of the Committee, and if at a called meeting the purpose of the meeting having been stated in the call.

The erection of a new building or the improvements, alterations, or repairs of an existing building involving an expenditure of not more than \$50,000, may be authorized by the vote of a majority of the Executive Committee. These provisions shall not prevent the making of investments on mortgage security or the protection of the same, or the collection of claims and adjustments.

§ 3. The Book Committee shall have full power to discontinue any depository, periodical or publication when, in its judgment, the interests of the Church or Book Concern demand it; but said action shall not be taken except by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee, and after due notice of such contemplated action shall have been given to the Publishing Agents and Editors concerned. The Book Committee shall have power to order expenses curtailed in any of the departments of The Book Concern,

and when such action as above specified shall have been taken, the Publishing Agents shall proceed at once to carry out the instructions of the Committee. The Book Committee shall also attend to all matters referred to it for action or counsel by the Publishing Agents or Editors.

§ 4. The Book Committee shall annually fix the salaries of the Bishops, Publishing Agents, and all official Editors elected by the General Conference or the Book Committee, not otherwise provided for, and shall determine the amount and the distribution of the Correspondence Fund allowed to the official periodicals.

§ 5. In case a vacancy occur in either the publishing, editorial, or other official departments of The Book Concern authorized by the General Conference, it shall be the duty of the Book Committee, two at least of the General Superintendents being present, and a majority of those present concurring, to elect, as soon as possible, a successor to fill such vacancy until the next session of the General Conference.

¶ 383. The Book Committee shall elect quadrennially a Book Editor, whose duties are as hereinafter defined. ¶ 395.

¶ 384, § 1. At the beginning of each quadrennium the Book Committee shall estimate the amount of money necessary to meet the expense of the next General Conference, and of the Judicial Conferences, General Conference Commissions, and such other expenses as the General Conference may have authorized to be paid from this fund. An equitable apportionment of the total amount estimated as necessary for the General Conference expenses shall be sent to the District Superintendents in each Annual Conference.

The District Superintendents, within sixty days after the adjournment of their respective Annual Conferences in the first year of the quadrennium, shall make an equitable apportionment of the amount asked from their Districts for the quadrennium, and send a copy of this apportionment to the Charges of the District and to the Treasurer of the General Conference expense funds. Should any District Superintendent fail to make such an apportionment within the time named above, the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund is authorized to make the apportionment on the basis ordered by the Book Committee. One third of the full amount of the apportionment shall be raised in each of the three Conference years preceding the session of the General Conference and shall be promptly remitted to the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund. The Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund shall be elected quadrennially by the Book Committee. His compensation shall be fixed by the Book Committee and he shall report to and be amenable to that Committee. He shall present a final detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of this fund at each General Conference.

§ 2. Any part of the apportionment unpaid at the close of the Annual Conference session preceding the General Conference shall be reapportioned and raised within the coming year.

§ 3. All sums collected by the Pastor for General Conference Expense Fund shall be paid promptly to the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, who shall give a voucher for the same.

III. Executive Committee

¶ 385. The members of the Executive Committee of the Book Committee, constituted as above provided, shall assemble as soon after their election as practicable and organize by the election of a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and such other officers and such subcommittees as they may require. In the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, said Committee may elect a Chairman *pro tem*. As directed by the Book Committee, the Executive Committee shall have general supervision and direction of all the affairs of the Publishing Houses and Depositories of The Book Concern. During the intervals of the Book Committee meetings the Executive Committee shall perform such duties as commonly belong to an Executive Committee of a Board of Trustees.

¶ 386. The Executive Committee shall meet bi-monthly to examine into the affairs under its charge, and shall keep correct records of its proceedings, and when requested it shall submit its records to the Book Committee. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman, or upon the written request of any five members of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

¶ 387, § 1. At the beginning of the quadrennium the Executive Committee shall value all the real estate under its supervision; which value shall be entered in the records and shall not be changed during the Quadrennium, except as property may be purchased, improved, sold, or destroyed.

§ 2. The Executive Committee shall have power to

suspend a Publishing Agent or an Editor for cause to it deemed sufficient, and in such case a time and place of the hearing shall be fixed at as early a date as practicable. Due notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing and of the nature of the charges shall be given by the Chairman of the Book Committee to such Publishing Agent or Editor, and also to the Bishops through their Secretary. The Bishops thereupon shall select one of their number to be present and preside at the hearing.

§ 3. This hearing shall be before the members of the Book Committee elected from the Areas, who between the sessions of the General Conference, by a two-thirds vote may remove from office said Publishing Agent or Editor.

IV. Publishing Agents

¶ 388, § 1. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially three Publishing Agents who, under the supervision and direction of the Book Committee, shall have authority as the administrative officers of The Book Concern to regulate the production and distribution of the publications and to conduct the affairs of The Book Concern. They shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, determine the classes of business to be carried on by the several Publishing Houses.

§ 2. At the meeting for organization the Book Committee shall designate one of the Publishing Agents, who shall have immediate charge and administration of the publishing interests at New York City, one with like duties at Cincinnati, and one with like duties at Chicago.

¶ 389, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Publishing Agents to publish, purchase, sell, and distribute such books, tracts, periodicals, and publications as are authorized by the General Conference or the Book Committee.

§ 2. Tracts supplied to the different societies of the Church by order of the Book Committee shall be charged at the actual cost of publication.

¶ 390, § 1. The Publishing Agents shall keep the accounts of The Book Concern by such uniform system as shall be authorized by the Book Committee.

§ 2. The Publishing Agents shall annually take a complete inventory, including therein all assets of whatever nature belonging to the respective departments under their charge, and by a uniform system accurately determine their cash value; and shall include the real estate at the valuation made by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each Quadrennium, noting any changes made therein and the reasons therefor. The annual account shall be submitted to the Book Committee at its first session, and shall contain a full and detailed statement of all assets and liabilities, income and disbursements in the respective departments of The Book Concern.

§ 3. The Publishing Agents shall deliver to their successors in office such statements of assets and liabilities as shall be ordered, approved and certified by the Book Committee.

¶ 391, § 1. The Publishing Agents shall keep a separate account with the several departments of The Book Concern under their charge, including real estate, and in their reports of the same to the Book

Committee, to the Annual Conferences, and to the General Conference shall set forth the amount of sales, receipts, and expenditures for books and periodicals, including sales by the Depositories under their management.

§ 2. The Publishing Agents shall furnish to the Executive Committee a full and satisfactory statement of the transactions of each month, and when the Executive Committee requires shall present for examination proper vouchers for all payments made by them during the period specified, and shall afford said Executive Committee every possible means and facility for a full and intelligent understanding of the affairs of the several departments under their care.

¶ 392, § 1. The Publishing Agents shall send to the Annual Conferences a statement of the accounts due The Book Concern from the several Members thereof and early in the session the Conference shall appoint a Committee on Periodicals, Publications, and Collections, composed of one Pastor for each Superintendent's District, which Committee shall assist in the collection of the accounts forwarded, and pay all collections to the Publishing Agent or his representative, if present; and if not present, the Committee shall make prompt and accurate return for the same to the Publishing House from which they were received, and shall receive a voucher for the same. This Committee shall make a careful canvass of the preachers in each of the Districts and ascertain what periodicals are supplied by The Book Concern, and what publications issued by other societies in the Church are taken, reporting the names and number of these publications in open Conference; and shall

also send a copy of said report to the Publishing Agent by whom the accounts are issued. ¶ 86.

§ 2. Every District Superintendent and Pastor, when requested by the Publishing Agents, shall do all in his power to collect debts due The Book Concern; and should any Minister or member of our Church who is indebted to The Book Concern refuse or neglect to make payment, or to effect a just settlement of his account, he shall be reported and dealt with in the same manner as in other cases of debt or disputed accounts.

¶ 393. The produce of The Book Concern, after the Book Committee has determined and retained a sufficient amount with which to carry on its affairs, shall be regularly applied to the benefit of the Traveling, Supernumerary and Retired Preachers, their wives, widows and children. The division of the produce of The Book Concern available for distribution according to this paragraph shall be made equitably to the Annual Conferences upon the basis of the ratio of the total annuity years of the several Annual Conferences to the total annuity years of the entire Church, as shown in the reports made by the Conference Stewards to the Board of Pensions and Relief, such reports to be carefully checked by the Corresponding Secretary and properly certified to the Book Committee which shall have charge of the distribution. In making this distribution the Publishing Agents shall forward to each Annual Conference, during its session, a statement showing the amount due the Conference, together with a draft for the same.

NOTE.—For the division and distribution of the produce of The Book Concern to the Foreign Conferences, see Appendix, ¶ 589.

V. Depositories

¶ 394, § 1. There shall be Depositories for the sale and distribution of the books and publications of The Methodist Book Concern at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Boston, Massachusetts; Detroit, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri; and San Francisco, California. The Book Committee shall establish other Depositories as the General Conference may from time to time direct. All Depositories, subject to the direction of the Book Committee, shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee. Each Depository shall be supplied with a full stock of the Books of the General Catalogue, Sunday school books, Sunday school supplies, and tracts, to be sold for the Publishing House supplying such stock.

§ 2. After the expenses incident to the transportation, management, and sale of Books and publications at the Depositories shall have been paid out of the sales, the net proceeds for the same shall be forwarded to the Publishing House by which they were supplied; to which Publishing House full statements of the amounts of sales and expenses shall be made at the dates fixed, cash sales being distinguished from those on credit. Statements of the amount of stock shall also be made and sent to the Publishing House, when required.

VI. Editors

¶ 395. The Book Editor shall have editorial supervision of all manuscripts and printed matter intended for publication in book form, or intended to bear the imprint of The Methodist Book Concern, as hereinbefore provided. The Book Editor shall also

be the editor of the tracts published by The Book Concern.

¶ 396. There shall be elected quadrennially by ballot by the General Conference an Editor for each of the following periodicals: The *Methodist Review*, *The Christian Advocate*, the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, *Der Christliche Apologete*, the *Epworth Herald*, and also an Editor of Sunday School Literature. Nominations of Editors for the foregoing publications shall be sent to the Secretary's desk in writing.

¶ 397. There shall be elected by the General Conference, on nomination of the Book Committee, a Contributing Editor, who shall be responsible for the uniform matter to be published in all the Official Advocates, the *Epworth Herald*, the *Methodist Review*, and *Der Christliche Apologete* not included.

¶ 398. The Editor of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* shall be elected quadrennially by ballot by the General Conference, on nomination of the delegates of the patronizing Conference.

¶ 399, § 1. The General Conference, on nomination by the several Districts as herein provided, shall elect the Editors of the following periodicals: The *Western Christian Advocate*, the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, the *Central Christian Advocate*, the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, the *California Christian Advocate*, and the *Methodist Advocate-Journal*.

§ 2. For the purpose of making nominations of Editors for these Advocates, the Annual Conferences naturally tributary to the several publications shall be divided into nominating districts as follows:

Western Christian Advocate.—West Ohio, Ohio, Indiana, North Indiana, Northwest Indiana, and Kentucky Conferences.

§ 3. *Northwestern Christian Advocate*.—Rock River, Illinois, Central Illinois, Michigan, Detroit, Wisconsin, West Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northern Minnesota, Dakota, North Dakota, Upper Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, and Northwest Iowa Conferences.

§ 4. *Central Christian Advocate*.—Southern Illinois, Saint Louis, Missouri, Kansas, Northwest Kansas, Southwest Kansas, Nebraska, Northwest Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Colorado Conferences.

§ 5. *Pacific Christian Advocate*.—Columbia River, Oregon, Puget Sound, Idaho, Montana, and North Montana Conferences.

§ 6. *California Christian Advocate*.—California and Southern California Conferences.

§ 7. *Methodist Advocate-Journal*.—Holston, Alabama, Blue Ridge-Atlantic, Central Tennessee, Georgia, Saint Johns River, and Gulf Conferences.

§ 8. The General Conference delegates from each of the nominating districts above described shall place in nomination before the General Conference one or more persons for Editor of the Advocate related to such district, the number thus nominated to be governed by the desire of those representing such districts and present at a regular meeting thereof to be called by the Secretary of the General Conference. The General Conference shall then elect by ballot the Editor of each Advocate. While the privilege of nomination shall reside in these several districts, the right of any member of the General Conference to vote for whomsoever he pleases as Editor of any one of these publications shall not be abridged.

§ 9. In the above distribution of the Annual Conferences, the former North Ohio portion of the North-East Ohio Conference shall be considered as common

patronizing territory for the *Pittsburgh* and the *Western Christian Advocates*; and the Northwest Indiana Conference, as common patronizing territory for the *Western* and the *Northwestern Christian Advocates*.

§ 10. There shall be published in all the Official Advocates from six to ten pages of uniform matter exclusive of advertising. The *Epworth Herald*, *Methodist Review*, and *Der Christliche Apologete* are not included in this requirement. The present names of all the Advocates shall be continued, with authority in the Book Committee upon approval of a majority of the Editors of the Official Advocates, to change the names so as to secure as soon as possible a uniform name for all editions with a distinctive subtitle for each of the several editions. The composition of uniform material and the publishing of the several editions of the Advocates shall be determined by the Book Committee and the Publishing Agents.

§ 11. There shall be an Editorial Council for Conference and cooperation which shall be composed of the Editors of all the Official papers, the Contributing Editor and the Editors of such other publications as are named in § 12. This Council shall meet once a year at the time and place of the Annual meeting of the Book Committee and shall be presided over by one of their number elected each year by the Editorial Council. Special meetings shall be called by the president on the request of four members of the Council.

§ 12. The *Epworth Herald*, *Der Christliche Apologete*, the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, *Zion's Herald*, the *Michigan Christian Advocate* and the *Washington Christian Advocate* may receive the uniform matter at cost.

§ 13. All costs, editorial, manufacturing, promotion, and selling, shall be budgeted under the direction of the Book Committee and the Publishing Agents, and each department shall be directed to produce definite results at a cost within the budget.

§ 14. The Publishing Agents and the Editorial Council shall designate one Sunday each year as Good Literature Day, at which time the pastors shall be requested to present the merits of the papers and receive subscriptions.

¶ 400. The Book Committee may elect such Editors of publications conducted by The Methodist Book Concern as have not been elected by the General Conference.

¶ 401. The Editors shall perform such duties as properly belong to the editorial office, and in such manner as the interests of the Church may require, the General Conference may authorize, or the Book Committee in its business relations to the Editors may direct; and they shall give their undivided attention to these duties.

¶ 402. There shall be a Publishing Committee for the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, elected by the General Conference, consisting of three members from the Pittsburgh Conference, three from the Erie Conference, three from the North-East Ohio Conference, and three from the West Virginia Conference. Such Publishing Committee shall fix the salary of the Editor, keep an account of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, and report annually its financial condition to the patronizing Conferences. A copy of said report shall be sent also to the Publishing Agent at New York, and any balance remaining after

defraying current expenses shall be subject to the order of said Publishing Agent.

¶ 403. The Annual and District Conferences are earnestly requested not to establish or encourage the establishing of Conference or local Church papers, except such as are approved and authorized by the General Conference or the Book Committee; and where such papers exist the Conferences are requested to discontinue the same, when it can be done consistently with existing obligations. They are also requested to discourage the display or sale of other than our own publications at the sessions of the Annual Conferences.

VII. Circulation of Religious Tracts

¶ 404. It is recommended to our people everywhere to form Tract Societies for the distribution of tracts and religious literature.

¶ 405. It shall be the duty of each District Superintendent to bring the subject of tract distribution before the fourth Quarterly Conference in each Charge within his District; and said Conference shall appoint a Committee, of which the Pastor shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to devise and execute plans for local tract distribution.

¶ 406. No books shall hereafter be sold on commission, either from New York, Cincinnati, or any Depository or establishment under direction of The Book Concern; provided, however, that this shall not prohibit the Publishing Agents from opening up limited "On Sale" accounts with our Ministers, the same to be governed by the general rules of credit of The Book Concern.

CHAPTER II

WORLD SERVICE COMMISSION

¶ 407, § 1. *Composition and Election.* There shall be a World Service Commission composed as follows: One Layman and one Minister from each Episcopal Area in the United States, nominated by the General Conference delegates of the respective Areas and elected by the General Conference; ten members at large, five Ministers and five Laymen, nominated by the Bishops and elected by the General Conference; five Bishops, elected by the Bishops; and one representative from each of the general divisions of the field outside the United States to be appointed by the Bishops annually from such representatives of these fields as may happen to be in the United States at the time of the meeting of the Commission. With the exception of the Bishops no member of the World Service Commission shall have official connection with any of the Constituent Boards.

As advisory members there shall be one representative of the American Bible Society, two members each from the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Secretaries of the Constituent Benevolent Boards.

The Commission shall be elected for the Quadrennium. Vacancies in the Episcopal Membership of the Commission shall be filled by the Bishops. Other vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee from the respective group or groups in which such vacancies occur.

§ 2. *Officers.* The officers of the World Service Commission shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, and a Recording Secretary, elected annually by the Commission. Their duties shall be such as are usually connected with these offices.

The Commission shall, on nomination of the Secretaries of the Constituent Boards and the Episcopal Membership of the Executive Committee, elect for the Quadrennium a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be *ex officio* members of the Commission.

§ 3. *Meetings.* The World Service Commission shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or upon the request of one fourth of the members of the Commission.

§ 4. *Executive Committee.* There shall be an Executive Committee of fifteen, elected from the membership of the Commission; at least two members of the Executive Committee shall be Bishops. The General Secretaries of the respective Boards shall be advisory members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least Quarterly and shall represent the Commission and exercise its powers in the interim of the meetings of the Commission, but it shall not take action contrary to, or in conflict with any action or policy of the World Service Commission.

§ 5. *Authority and Functions.* The World Service Commission shall have full authority, after due consideration of the needs of the field, to fix the total budget of the askings for the Constituent Boards; to fix the plan and ratio of the division of the funds to the several causes; to determine all questions as to credit to be given for Designated and Special

Gifts at home and abroad and to correlate the work of the Boards in the interest of cooperation, economy and efficiency.

§ 6. *Incorporation.* In order to give strength and permanency of oversight the World Service Commission is directed to incorporate under the laws of some State.

§ 7. *Report of its Activities.* The World Service Commission shall prepare and present to the General Conference quadrennially, a report of its activities. It shall also submit to the General Conference a program of benevolent activities for the Quadrennium next succeeding.

¶ 408, § 1. *Cooperating Constituent Boards.* There shall be the following units of service, otherwise called The Boards:

1. Board of Foreign Missions
2. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension
3. Board of Education, including Deaconess Training Schools, with the following departments:
 - (a) Schools and Colleges.
 - (b) Education for Negroes.
 - (c) Church Schools.
 - (d) Epworth League.
4. Board of Pensions and Relief.
5. Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals.
6. Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work.

§ 2. The several Constituent Boards are directed to reduce the number of their managers so that no Board shall have less than five or more than fifty members, to wit:

(a) Board of Foreign Missions, Fifty. (See ¶ 569, § 5, a.)

(b) Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Forty-five. (See ¶ 569, § 5, b.)

(c) Board of Education, Forty-five. (See ¶ 569, § 5, c.)

(d) Board of Pensions and Relief, Seventeen. (See ¶ 484, § 1.)

(e) Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, Seventeen. (See ¶ 490, § 2.)

(f) Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work, Twenty-three. (See ¶ 569, § 5, d.)

All of the above designated managers or trustees to be nominated by the Bishops and elected by the General Conference, for the Quadrennium.

§ 3. The World Service Commission is directed to appoint a commission of nine to study the needs of further reorganization and closer cooperation of the Constituent Boards, and report to the World Service Commission before the close of the present Quadrennium; such report to be reviewed by the World Service Commission and sent to the next General Conference. In the event of the accomplishment of Union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this Commission shall act as a joint Commission with the one appointed for a similar purpose by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

¶ 409. *Cooperating Administrative Staff.* § 1. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Constituent Boards, elected as heretofore, with the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer of the World Service Commission, shall constitute an Administrative Staff to carry out the directions of said Commission in a unified and cooperative manner. They shall promote Christian

Stewardship and coordinate the Life Service activities of the Constituent Boards. All agencies of the Church engaged in these activities shall be required to cooperate in this unified system.

§ 2. This Staff shall be the central agency for the cultivation of the field, as directed by the World Service Commission, supplying information, literature, slides, etc., in an economical manner as the needs of the fields may demand. It shall establish a central receiving treasury which shall disburse to the several Boards according to the ratio of funds established by the Commission.

§ 3. The expense of this Staff shall be reduced to the lowest possible amount. The total shall be determined by the World Service Commission.

¶ 410, § 1. *Local World Service Council.* There shall be a World Service Area Council consisting of the resident Bishop, the District Superintendents, Ministers, and Laymen from each District, and such other representatives of the Area as may be desired. The Ministers shall be elected annually by the Conference or the District which they represent. The Laymen shall be elected annually by the Laymen's Association or in such other manner as may be locally determined.

§ 2. There shall be a World Service Council in each Annual Conference, District and Local Church¹ to be constituted as the Conference, District, or Church may determine. In the Annual Conference Council and the District Council both Ministers and Laymen shall be represented in equal numbers.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Area, Annual Conference, District and Church Councils to promote the

¹ ¶ 111, § 4 (5).

program of the World Service in cooperation with the other organized agencies of the Church. In representing the needs of the fields for the various causes it shall be done through these Councils.

§ 4. When the World Service Commission has assembled and determined from the local appeals and estimates the benevolent budget of the Church-at-large it shall inform, through the resident Bishop, each Area Council and the District Superintendents what the proportional share for each District would be. These amounts shall then be considered by the Area and District Councils before final apportionment to the several charges of the District, at all times holding before the Church the high purpose of providing for others at least as much as for ourselves.

§ 5. (1) *In the fields outside the United States*, the geographical unit shall be the Conference, Mission Conference or Mission. The World Service Council of these units shall be selected by the Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission, and approved by the Commission or the Executive Committee. There shall be at least five members in addition to the resident Bishop, in each of these Councils.

(2) After the budget has been fixed for the year, the Council shall have power in case of emergency, or unforeseen developments, to change, within the appropriation, the items of disbursement, subject to review by the World Service Commission.

(3) In territories that have a Central Conference, authorization is given to create a Central World Service Council. Such Councils shall consist of the Bishops resident in the territory concerned and at least five other members chosen in such a manner as the Central Conference shall determine. Such

Council shall have authority to make adjustments in askings, and in distribution of funds for a given country or group of Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within the Territory of the Central Conference; provided that such an adjustment shall not exceed in distribution of funds, the total current appropriation to the whole territory concerned.

§ 6. All expenses of the local World Service Councils shall be provided for locally or in exceptional cases, such as items of necessary travel, the expenses may be charged against the budget of the Area.

§ 7. Each Area shall determine whether it desires an Area Secretary, and if one is desired he shall be supported by the Area in such manner as it may devise.

CHAPTER III

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

I. Incorporation

¶ 411, § 1. There shall be a Board of Foreign Missions, duly incorporated according to law, and having its office in New York City. Said Board of Foreign Missions shall have committed to it the general supervision of all work in fields outside of the jurisdiction of the United States, in harmony and cooperation with the constituted authorities of the Church in said fields; and similarly, in such places subject to the sovereignty of the United States as may be assigned to it by the General Conference from time to time and it shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the General Conference may prescribe.

§ 2. Other denominational agencies shall undertake work in the fields indicated only in cooperation with this board.

II. Constitution

¶ 412. ARTICLE I.—*Name and Object.* The name of this organization shall be the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its objects are religious, philanthropic, and educational, designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of Christianity, by the promotion and support of all phases of Church work and missionary activity in foreign countries; and also in such other places subject to the sovereignty of the United States, but not on the continent of North America or the islands adjacent thereto, as may be committed to the care of such organization by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under such rules and regulations as said General Conference may from time to time prescribe.

¶ 413. ARTICLE II.—*Life Members and Honorary Managers.* § 1. Members of the Foreign Missionary Society who contribute \$1,000 at one time shall become Life Members and may attend the Annual Meeting of the Board, but without vote.

§ 2. Honorary Managers not to exceed twenty in number may be elected by the General Conference, and, in case of vacancies, may be elected by the Board of Managers during the interval between the sessions of the General Conference, said Honorary Managers being entitled to speak in the meetings of the Board of Managers, but not to vote.

NOTE.—For Charter By-Laws, etc., see Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

¶ 414. ARTICLE III.—*Board of Managers.* § 1. The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the Board of Foreign Missions, the making of appropriations and the administration of appropriations, and all other funds shall be vested in a Board of Managers. This Board shall determine what fields shall be occupied as Foreign Missions and the amount necessary for the support of each, and shall make appropriations for the same, including an emergency fund of \$50,000, provided that the Board of Managers shall not appropriate for a given year, including the emergency appropriation of \$50,000, more than the total income for the preceding year.

§ 2. The Board of Managers shall consist of 32 traveling Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and 32 Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Bishops. All the effective General Superintendents shall be *ex officio* members of said Board without vote. In constituting the Board of Managers, the Bishops shall nominate one representative from each Area in the United States preserving as nearly as may be an equality in the number of Ministers and Laymen chosen from the Areas.

[The said Board of Managers shall be elected to serve until the Board of Foreign Missions shall have accomplished the amendment of its charter as herein directed. The said Board of Managers is hereby directed to reduce the membership of the said Board so that it shall consist of not more than fifty members and shall be composed as follows:

The Bishop resident in the city of New York, who shall be ex officio a member, and twenty-four Ministers and twenty-five Laymen nominated by the Board

of Bishops and elected by the General Conference, chosen from the Areas in the United States preserving as nearly as may be an equality in the number of Ministers and Laymen from the Areas. The other effective Bishops shall be ex officio members without a vote. When and as soon as the charter of said Board of Foreign Missions shall have been amended as aforesaid, the Bishops shall reappoint the membership of the said Board of Managers in accordance with this provision to serve until the close of the Quadrennium. See ¶ 569, § 5, a.]

§ 3. The Board of Managers shall meet annually at such time and place as the Executive Committee shall determine. Due notice of such time and place shall be given to each member.

§ 4. The Board of Managers shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of twenty-one members. This Committee shall meet monthly at the headquarters of the Board of Foreign Missions in New York City, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

§ 5. Vacancies in the Board of Managers shall be filled as the Charter provides. The Board shall have authority to make By-Laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Charter; to print books, periodicals, and tracts for Foreign Missions; to elect a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and such Assistants as may be necessary, a Recording Secretary, and such Assistant and other Secretaries as may be necessary; to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers elected by the Board; to organize departments for the administration of the work of the Board; to invite the cooperation of other agencies, where such cooperation will increase the efficiency of the work in the foreign field. The funds of the

Board shall be administered on the mission field by agencies which the Board shall approve. It shall present a statement of its transactions and funds to the Church in its annual report, and shall lay before the General Conference a report of its transactions for the preceding four years, and the state of its funds.

§ 6. The Board of Foreign Missions shall have power to suspend a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or any elected officer of the Board of Managers, for cause to it sufficient; and a time and place shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, at as early a day as practicable, for the investigation of the official conduct of the person against whom complaint shall have been made. Due notice shall be given by the Board to the Bishops, who shall select one of their number to preside at the investigation, which shall be before a Committee of twelve persons, six Ministers and six Laymen, none of whom shall be members of the Board of Managers. Said committee shall be appointed by the Bishop selected to preside at the investigation. Two thirds of said committee shall have power of removal from office, in the interval of General Conference, of the official against whom complaint has been made.

§ 7. In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Corresponding Secretary, the Bishops shall have power to fill the vacancy if the Board of Managers shall so request, and until they do so the Board of Managers shall provide for the duties of the office.

§ 8. Thirteen members present at any meeting of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum.

§ 9. The Board shall have authority to solicit and

receive funds for the publication and distribution of tracts.

¶ 415. ARTICLE IV.—*Corresponding Secretaries.*

§ 1. There may be two Corresponding Secretaries, having coordinate power, who shall be the executive officers of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Secretary or Secretaries shall be elected by the General Conference quadrennially.

§ 2. They shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Managers, and their salaries, which shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, shall be paid out of the treasury. They shall be employed exclusively in conducting the correspondence of the Board, in furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence, in promoting the work committed to this Board and the general interests of the cause by correspondence, travel, and such other activities as the service involves and the Board may approve.

¶ 416. ARTICLE V.—*Election of Officers and Presiding Officer.* § 1. *Election of Officers.* The officers to be elected by the Board shall be chosen and hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected; or, if a vacancy should occur during the year by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled at any regular meeting of the Board. The first election of each Quadrennium shall be held at the regular meeting of the Board next succeeding the General Conference.

§ 2. *Presiding Officer.* At all meetings of the Board the President shall preside. But if he should be absent, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take his place. In the absence of the President and of all the Vice-Presidents, a member appointed by the meeting for the purpose shall preside. The minutes of

each meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read and approved, and by the Recording Secretary.

¶ 417. ARTICLE VI.—*Appointment and Support of Missionaries.* § 1. A person shall be acknowledged as a Missionary or receive support as such from the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions only when such person has been approved by the Board of Managers and has been assigned to some definite field except as provided in § 2. Ministerial missionaries shall be constituted by the joint action of a General Superintendent and the Board. Lay missionaries shall be appointed by the Board of Managers.

§ 2. The Board may provide for the support of retired Missionaries and of the widows and orphans of Missionaries who may not be provided for by their Annual Conferences respectively; provided they shall not receive more than is usually allowed retired Ministers, their widows and orphans in home Conference. In this matter, the Board shall as far as practicable base its procedure upon provisions similar to those prescribed for Annual Conferences.

¶ 418. ARTICLE VII.—*Field Finance Committees.* § 1. In a mission field of the Board of Foreign Missions in which there may be an Annual Conference, Mission Conference or an organized Mission, there shall be a Committee on Finance, consisting of the following members, *ex officio*: the resident and the presiding Bishops; the Mission Treasurer and the Mission Superintendents. The Committee shall also include such other persons as the Annual or Mission Conference or Mission may elect, subject to the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions. The

Committee shall elect its own Chairman. This Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Foreign Missions for the administration of the funds provided by the Board.

§ 2. In territory of a Central Conference or a Central Mission Conference said Central Conference may prescribe the method of constituting such finance committees, subject to the approval of the Board of Foreign Missions. This Committee shall be responsible to the Board of Foreign Missions for the administration of its funds.

¶ 419. ARTICLE VIII.—*Amendments.* This Constitution shall be subject to amendment or alteration only by the General Conference.

III. Foreign Missionary Society

¶ 420. Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions shall be organized the Foreign Missionary Society, of which all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be members.

IV. Administration of Foreign Missions

¶ 421. § 1. When a Mission is established in a foreign country, outside of an Annual Conference, the Bishop having Episcopal supervision of the same may appoint a member of the Mission as Superintendent who may also be a District Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in the absence of a Bishop, to preside in the Annual Meeting of the Mission and to arrange the work and take general supervision of the entire Mission. Also, from time to time,

he shall represent the state of the Mission and its needs to the Bishop in charge and to the Corresponding Secretaries.

§ 2. The Bishop having Episcopal supervision of a Mission shall designate annually a time at which all the members of the Mission and also the native Preachers employed as supplies or helpers in the Mission shall come together for the purpose of holding an Annual Meeting, said meeting having, in all ecclesiastical matters, the duties and powers of a District Conference; and transacting such other business as may be assigned to it by the Board or grow out of the local interests of the work. In the absence of a Bishop or the Superintendent, the annual meeting shall choose its presiding officer in the manner provided for District Conferences.

§ 3. When a Mission in a foreign country is organized into a Mission Conference or an Annual Conference the administration of the Board of Foreign Missions shall not be disturbed thereby, but shall be continued as in other Foreign Missions.

¶ 422, § 1. The Missionaries in Japan while retaining their membership in their home Annual Conferences and without impairing their relationship to the Board of Foreign Missions and the appointing authority of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall, while in service as Missionaries in Japan, be free to accept the rights and privileges in the Annual Conferences of the Japan Methodist Church as offered to them by that Church.

§ 2. The Missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions are authorized to unite the two existing Mission Councils in Japan into one Mission Council for all our work among the Japanese, to be known

as the Japan Mission Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 3. The Japan Mission Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church is authorized to elect and send one of its members to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as its representative—said representative to be accorded the privilege of sitting with the Committees of the General Conference with the right to speak when questions relating to our work in Japan are being discussed.

V. Membership of Laymen, Missionaries, in Annual Conferences

¶ 423. Laymen, Missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, may be invited to sit as associate members of their respective bodies, and be permitted the privileges of the floor, and the right to vote on all questions not ministerial or constitutional and shall be eligible for election on the Mission or Conference Finance and other Committees.

VI. Annual Conference Board

¶ 424, § 1. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to organize within its bounds an Annual Conference Board of Foreign Missions. This Annual Conference Board shall consist of the District Superintendents, District Missionary Secretaries, and District Epworth League Presidents, *ex officio*, and one Sunday School Superintendent, and one Lay member from each District, to be elected by the Annual Conference on the nomination of the District Superin-

tendents. The Annual Conference shall elect the officers of the said Board from among its members, on the nomination of the District Superintendents.

§ 2. The said Board shall present an annual Report to the Annual Conference through its President; and shall have charge of the Annual Conference anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions, to which an entire evening shall be given.

§ 3. There shall be at least one meeting of the Annual Conference Board of Foreign Missions each year for the consideration and furtherance of the interests of Foreign Missions within the bounds of the Conference, at which meeting a Secretary or other representative of the Board of Foreign Missions shall be present if possible, and the said Board shall provide for the consideration and furtherance of the interests within the bounds of the Conference and may arrange for conventions.

VII. District Board

¶ 425, § 1. There shall be in each District Superintendent's District a District Board of Foreign Missions composed of the members of the Annual Conference Board of Foreign Missions from the District. The District Superintendent shall be the President of said District Board, and the District Missionary Secretary shall be its Secretary. Meetings of the said District Board shall be held at the call of the President; *provided*, that at least one meeting shall be held each year.

§ 2. The said District Board shall aid the Pastors in the presentation of the cause of Foreign Missions within the District, and may arrange for conventions.

VIII. District Missionary Secretaries

¶ 426. The presiding Bishop, on nomination of the District Superintendent, shall appoint a Member of the Annual Conference as Missionary Secretary for each District Superintendent's District, who shall serve without salary, and whose duty it shall be to assist the District Superintendent in carrying out the plans in the interests of Foreign Missions on the District; and who, by correspondence and otherwise, shall aid in securing the distribution of missionary literature in every Pastoral Charge, cooperate with the Board and other agencies of the Church in the promotion of Missionary education, and keep the Board informed as to foreign missionary conditions on the District.

IX. District Superintendents

¶ 427, § 1. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to see that the provisions of the Discipline concerning Foreign Missions are faithfully executed in his District, and in order thereto he shall inquire at each session of the several Quarterly Conferences, what has been done toward raising funds for the support of Foreign Missions during the preceding quarter, and particularly what has been done in the Sunday Schools for this cause.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to see that there be appointed at the fourth Quarterly Conference of each Pastoral Charge a Committee on Foreign Missions, consisting of five or more persons, including one Sunday School Superintendent and one Epworth League President, of which Com-

mittee the Pastor shall be Chairman. Its duty shall be to aid the Pastor in disseminating missionary information, planning for the Annual Foreign Missionary Day, and securing a thorough canvass of the members of the Churches and Congregations in the interest of Foreign Missions.

X. Pastors and Churches

¶ 428, § 1. The support of Foreign Missions is committed to Pastors, Congregations, Sunday Schools, and Epworth Leagues.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, aided by the Committee on Foreign Missions, to provide for the diffusion of missionary information among the members of his Church, Congregation, Sunday School, and Epworth League.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Pastor, aided by the Committee on Foreign Missions, to institute a monthly missionary prayer meeting or missionary address in his Pastoral Charge, for the purpose of imploring the divine blessing upon Missions throughout the world, and for the diffusion of missionary intelligence among the people.

§ 4. The Pastor, aided by the Committee on Foreign Missions, shall arrange for an Annual Foreign Missionary Day when the Pastor or some one invited by him shall present the cause of Foreign Missions, at which time it is earnestly recommended that a self-denial or thank offering be taken for the work of the Board of Foreign Missions exclusively.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to see that each Sunday School on his Pastoral Charge is organized into a Missionary Society, and that at least one

Sunday in each month is observed in the interest of Missions and a collection taken. It shall be the duty of the Sunday School Missionary Society, with the consent of the Sunday School Board, to provide brief missionary exercises on the day that is set apart for the monthly missionary collection to be taken, to cause suitable literature to be distributed in the Sunday Schools, and to arrange for occasional missionary concerts. The Sunday School Missionary Society shall include Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Board of Sunday Schools.

§ 6. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to organize Mission Study Classes on his Charge where practicable.

CHAPTER IV

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

¶ 429, § 1. For the more successful prosecution of the missionary work of the Church among women in foreign lands, there shall be an organization known as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be governed and regulated by its Constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference as the necessities of the work may require.

§ 2. This Society shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the authorities of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board

of Managers of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions.

§ 3. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which severally they may be employed. They shall be appointed annually by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern other Missionaries, and they shall be members of the Church and Quarterly Conference and the District Conferences where they reside.

§ 4. All the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their Committees in exactly the same manner as the work of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Superintendent or District Superintendent having the same relation to the work and the person in charge of it that he would have were it a work in the Pastoral Charge of any Member of the Conference or Mission.

¶ 430, § 1. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular Church services, nor in any Sunday School, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday Schools to the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the Pastor to the Annual Conference, and

be entered in a column among the Benevolent Collections in the Annual and General Minutes.

§ 2. The provisions of § 1 of this paragraph shall not be interpreted so as to prevent the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from taking collections in meetings convened in the interest of its Societies; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where its work is represented; nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interest of its work.

CHAPTER V

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

I. Incorporation

¶ 431. There shall be a Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Its headquarters shall be in the city of Philadelphia. Its purpose shall be to prosecute missionary work in accordance with the terms of its Charter, in the United States and its possessions, not including the Philippine Islands.

II. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

¶ 432, § 1. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be composed of the Bishop resident at Philadelphia, the corresponding secretary elected by the General Conference, who shall be *ex officio* members,

twenty Ministers and twenty-three Laymen nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. In constituting the membership of said Board the Bishops shall nominate one representative from each Area, preserving as nearly as may be equality in the number of Ministers and Laymen chosen from the Areas. All the other effective Bishops resident in the United States shall be *ex officio* members without a vote. The superintendents of the five departments shall be advisory members. The terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the General Conference and continue for one Quadrennium or until their successors are chosen.

§ 2. The Board may declare vacant the seat of any member for inattention to duties or other sufficient reason, and any vacancy, however caused, shall be filled by the Board of Bishops.

§ 3. The annual meeting and special meetings shall be held as the Board may determine, and special meetings may also be held at the call of the Executive Committee; *provided*, that the Corresponding Secretary may call a special meeting of the Board within three months after any General Conference. At all meetings of the Board twenty-five shall constitute a quorum.

¶ 433. The Board shall consider plans for increasing its receipts and extending its work; shall receive reports from the several Departments; shall determine what total amount shall be appropriated for the work during the ensuing year, provided it shall not exceed the total available net income for the preceding fiscal year; shall determine what amounts

NOTE.—For Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, etc., see Annual Report and other publications of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

shall be appropriated for (1) Administration; (2) Publicity; (3) Contingent Fund; (4) Work in Colleges and Universities; (5) The Education of Missionaries for work in foreign languages; (6) The several Departments of Work, subdivisions of these Departments, and Annual Conferences.

¶ 434, § 1. The Board shall constitute an Executive Committee of twenty-five, of which the Corresponding Secretary shall be a member *ex officio*. The Superintendents of Departments shall be advisory members.

§ 2. The Executive Committee shall have authority to administer such appropriations as may be referred to it, and to perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

¶ 435, § 1. The officers of the Board shall be a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, five Superintendents of Departments, and a Treasurer.

§ 2. The President, the Vice-Presidents and the Recording Secretary shall be elected annually by the Board, from among its members.

§ 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall be elected by the General Conference for one quadrennium.

§ 4. The Superintendents of Departments shall be elected by the Board, with the concurrence of the Corresponding Secretary.

§ 5. The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Board.

§ 6. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled by the Board, except that a vacancy in the office of Corresponding Secretary shall be filled by the Board of Bishops.

§ 7. The duties of the President, the Vice-Presi-

dents, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall be those usually performed by such officers.

§ 8. The Corresponding Secretary shall be the general executive officer of the Board. He shall under the provisions of the Discipline and the direction of the Board promote and supervise the work of the Board to whose authority and control he shall, in all his official conduct, be subject and by whom his salary and that of other salaried officers shall be fixed and paid. He shall communicate to any Bishop assigned to the presidency of a Mission, Mission Conference, or Annual Conference, at the time of his assignment and during his presidency, such information as the office may possess, touching said Mission, Mission Conference or Annual Conference, for the guidance of the Bishop in administration, especially concerning the appropriation of missionary grants to Districts or Charges, the appointments of Superintendents of Missions, and other appointments to Districts or Charges receiving Home Missionary Appropriations. In the case of a vacancy in the interim of the General Conference, the Board shall have power to provide for the duties of the office, until it shall be filled by the Bishops.

§ 9. Each Superintendent of a Department shall have supervision of the particular Department of work for which he was specifically chosen.

¶ 436, § 1. The Board shall have power to provide for and administer a Loan Fund, and Annuity Funds, either in connection with or separate from the Loan Fund, as it may determine; to take and hold in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church any real or personal property; to dispose of the same for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and

generally to do all and singular the matters and things which shall be necessary and lawful in the execution of its trust; provided, however, that all amounts received on the Loan Fund shall be used only for loans on adequate security; and provided further, that the aggregate amount of annuities which the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed the annual interest receivable on the loans made. The expenses incurred in the administration of such funds shall be charged to and defrayed out of the income received therefrom.

§ 2. The Board shall organize and administer a Trust Department, with a Trust officer in charge, which shall have custody of all trust funds held by the Board, and of all its deeds, securities and collateral. Separate books and bank accounts shall be kept of all transactions in this Department.

§ 3. The Board shall have authority (1) to organize such bureaus as may be necessary for the successful prosecution of the work; (2) to elect Field Secretaries, with the concurrence of the Corresponding Secretary; (3) to aid either by donation or loan, or both, the building of Churches and Parsonages; (4) to make By-Laws for the regulation of its proceedings.

§ 4. The Board shall report its proceedings and the state of its funds quadrennially to the General Conference.

¶ 437, § 1. The more effectually to accomplish the purposes of the Board there shall be organized five departments of work, viz.: the Department of Church Extension, the Department of City Work, the Department of Rural Work, the Department of Frontier Work, and the Department of Evangelism.

§ 2. Each Department, as organized by the Board, shall consist of the Superintendent, five Ministers and five Laymen. The Board shall have power to add to the membership of any department at the request of the Superintendent. The members of the Department may or may not be members of the Board.

§ 3. The Board may organize a Bureau for Work among Negroes, which Bureau shall cooperate with all the Departments as their activities may affect the Negro populations of the country.

III. Department of Church Extension

¶ 438, § 1. The Department of Church Extension shall encourage the erection of churches in new communities not already adequately supplied; shall assist in the building of churches and parsonages where assistance is most needed; and shall give special attention to church architecture, helping all our societies, when erecting churches, to build structures adapted to their requirements.

§ 2. All applications for Church Extension aid shall be made through the Annual Conference Board. Appropriations shall be granted by the Board or the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the Department.

IV. Department of City Work

¶ 439, § 1. The Department of City Work shall further in every practicable way the organized religious and social work in places having City Societies, as hereinafter provided.

§ 2. It shall promote the organization of City Societies wherever opportunity offers.

§ 3. It shall aid in making surveys in our cities with special reference to the religious conditions of foreign-speaking people, the necessary changes in the location and adaptation of Church buildings and the relation of the Church to needy and congested communities. It shall also aid in the organization and development of adequate religious centers in the heart of great cities. It shall administer such appropriations as shall be committed to it by the Board.

§ 4. All City Societies duly organized shall report annually to this Department their requests for appropriations, indicating the special purposes for which grants are to be used.

§ 5. All askings for work in cities shall be reviewed by the Department of City Work. Appropriations for such work shall be administered by said Department and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Board, except where there is a City Society duly organized and in active operation, in which case all appropriations shall be payable to the Treasurer of the City Society.

§ 6. All City Societies shall be auxiliary to the Board, and shall make each year to the Department of City Work a detailed statement, which shall include, (1) Number of Ministers or Missionaries supported in whole or in part, the amount paid to each, and the kind of work in which each is engaged; (2) Expenses of administration; (3) The total amount raised by the Society and how expended. The report shall also include such other items as the Department shall require. The summary of such reports may be published in connection with the annual report of the Board.

§ 7. The Department of City Work shall maintain a Bureau of Goodwill Industries. The Department of City Work shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Bureau. The object of the Bureau shall be to provide for the religious, educational, social, and industrial welfare of the unfortunate. The Bureau shall support and indorse only those local industries which are organized and conducted according to its established rules and regulations, and these local industries shall be administered as far as practicable in cooperation with local City Societies.

¶ 440. CITY SOCIETIES. In order to promote evangelization and to coordinate the work of our Church in cities and in their contiguous communities it is recommended that, wherever such centers of population shall have three or more Pastoral Charges, and where, in the judgment of their resident Bishop or Bishops and the District Superintendent or Superintendents concerned, it is deemed advisable, a City Society shall be organized, under such name and control as it may determine. All Bishops, District Superintendents, and Superintendents of Missions or Mission Conferences having jurisdiction in the geographical territory covered by the Society, and all Pastors therein, shall be *ex officio* members of said Society or of its Board of Managers. Each Quarterly Conference shall also be entitled to at least one Lay representative in the Society or Board.

¶ 441, § 1. The City Society may include in its work the organization of Churches and Sunday Schools, the aid of weak Churches, the acquisition of real estate, and the erection of buildings, the adaptation of downtown Churches to their altered environment, the securing and holding of endowments for

the City Society and dependent Churches, the conducting of missions among foreign-speaking peoples, the development of well-organized open-air Evangelism, the maintenance of kindergartens and industrial schools, the promotion of social and settlement work, the support of rescue missions, and of institutions for the relief of the sick and the destitute. A City Society may also devise plans for promoting the connectional life of Methodism, and for cooperation and federation with other denominations.

§ 2. A City Society may elect, either from within or from without its membership, not more than three persons, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as members of the Quarterly Conference of any Church under its supervision or the object of its benefactions. The persons so chosen shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of Quarterly Conference Membership.

§ 3. In Annual Conferences, where there exists a City Society, having an executive official giving his entire time to the work, it is recommended that said executive official shall be invited into consultation with the Bishop and District Superintendents in the consideration of the appointments that affect Missions or Churches administered or aided by said Society.

§ 4. A City Society shall have authority in the territory covered by its Constitution or Charter, to make apportionments upon the Pastoral Charges, and to collect and disburse moneys for all the objects contemplated in its organization.

§ 5. It is recommended that any Church within its territory expecting to receive aid for building or improvement from the City Society, be required to secure, as a condition to receiving such aid, the

approval of the City Society with respect to location, plans and methods of financing.

§ 6. A City Society, in order to receive appropriations from the Board, shall meet the following conditions: (a) it shall be organized according to the *Discipline*; (b) it shall have an Executive Committee Meeting at least once every quarter; (c) it shall be actively at work; (d) it shall have made a report as required by the Department of City Work; (e) it shall raise annually by collections or otherwise an amount at least equal to that appropriated to it by the Board, exclusive of appropriations made for work among foreign-speaking peoples.

§ 7. There shall be a Council, or Councils of Cities, composed of the Corresponding Secretary, the Superintendent of the Department of City Work, and two delegates from each duly organized City Society. The Department of City Work may convene the Council or Councils annually at such time and place and under such conditions as said Department shall determine, at least four weeks' notice having been given to the City Societies.

¶ 442, § 1. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent whose District covers in whole or in part a city, or contains communities contiguous to each other in which there are three or more Churches, to cooperate with the Department of City Work in securing, whenever practicable, the organization of a City Society as herein provided. Churches in communities adjacent to a city, and not attached to any other Society, may be included in the Society of the adjacent city.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of each Pastor whose Charge lies within the territory of a City Society,

once each year to present the interests of the Society to his congregation, take a collection for the same, or provide for the amount apportioned in the benevolent budget, and report the amount received to the Annual Conference.

§ 3. The Annual Conferences are directed to take such friendly interest in the City Societies within their bounds as shall promote their efficiency and facilitate their work; to arrange for the publication of their reports in the Conference Minutes and to provide a separate column in connection with the statement of the General Benevolent Collections for the itemized report of the offerings for this work.

V. Department of Rural Work

¶ 443, § 1. The Department of Rural Work shall have the following powers and duties: To encourage the organization of Rural Societies as hereinafter provided, and to cooperate with them when established.

§ 2. To make surveys in rural Church fields in order to ascertain their resources and needs and to determine the centers where permanent Church enterprises might be established which would serve the whole community.

§ 3. To apportion such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose to strategic centers widely distributed throughout the country for a given period of years and thus to demonstrate the service such a Church enterprise can render.

§ 4. To recommend to the responsible organizations cases where denominational exchanges should

be made and where cooperative or federated plans could be worked out to prevent overlapping by competing denominations, and also to point out where Churches of our own denomination should be united.

§ 5. To promote the study of rural sociology among our Ministers, and in our Colleges and Theological Schools, and to plan complete Courses of Study in our denominational Colleges for the preparation of those who catch the vision and feel the call to life-work in the rural field.

§ 6. To cooperate with all the allies of the Church in the great task of improving the economic, social, educational, and religious life of the people in the rural sections.

§ 7. To have such further powers and duties as will help to keep our Church fully abreast of the best thought and experience of the day concerning rural life.

§ 8. All askings for Rural Work shall be reviewed by the Department of Rural Work. Appropriations for such work shall be administered by said Department and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Board, except where there is a Rural Society duly organized and in active operation, in which case all appropriations shall be payable to the Treasurer of the Rural Society.

¶ 444. RURAL SOCIETIES. § 1. Rural Societies with the District Superintendent as a member, *ex officio*, may be organized on any District of any Annual Conference. They shall be auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and report to the same.

§ 2. Such Societies may select their own name, determine their own organization, and prosecute

such work as they deem best, under the advice of the Superintendent of the Rural Work Department.

§ 3. In order that all Conferences, Missions, or other interests concerned in Missionary Work shall have representation, all Bishops, District Superintendents and Superintendents of Missions having jurisdiction in the geographical territory covered by the District Rural Society, and all Pastors therein, shall be *ex officio* members of said Society or of its Board of Managers or Executive Committee. Each Quarterly Conference shall also be entitled to at least one Lay representative in the Society or Board.

§ 4. These Societies shall give special attention to the survey of their fields, to the development of a more efficient rural ministry, to religious and social work in neglected communities, and especially among non-English-speaking people, to the establishment of new Churches where needed, to the consolidation of Churches in over-churched communities, to the encouragement of a spirit of unity among our own Churches and cooperation and federation with other denominations.

§ 5. There shall be a Council or Councils of Rural Work composed of two Bishops to be appointed by the Board of Bishops, the Corresponding Secretary and the Superintendent of the Department of Rural Work and two Delegates from each duly organized Rural Society. The Department of Rural Work may convene the Council or Councils annually at such time and place and under such conditions as said department shall determine, at least six weeks' notice having been given to the officials of the Rural Societies.

§ 6. These societies may, wherever it is desirable, create a Comity Commission, composed of the District Superintendent, and of Ministers and Laymen in equal numbers, for the purpose of meeting and conferring with like Commissions, or bodies, of other evangelical denominations, to make such arrangements and agreements as may be necessary either to vacate, or take over, or exchange charges or properties, in order to promote the religious care and welfare of such communities. Such arrangements and agreements shall be made with due regard for the denominational investments and interests involved in such properties, and shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference.

VI. Department of Frontier Work

¶ 445. The Department of Frontier Work shall have for its field of operations the newer sections of the country, as defined by the Board. It shall study the conditions and prospects of such sections, encourage the organization of new Churches where desirable, recommend the changing of the location of Churches as shifting populations may indicate, avoid planting Churches in communities already adequately supplied, recommend such appropriations to Missionaries as will best further the work and develop local support, and shall cooperate with the Board of Sunday Schools and with other denominations in the most friendly spirit.

VII. Department of Evangelism

¶ 446, § 1. The Department of Evangelism shall be

established for the purpose of promoting aggressive evangelism throughout the home field.

§ 2. Its special mission shall be to inspire the Church to more earnest pastoral and personal evangelism, including intercession and family worship; to prevent as far as possible the loss of members through the nonresident plan; to cooperate with District Superintendents, Pastors and city and rural Societies in evangelistic campaigns where most needed; to assist the Board of Education in prosecuting evangelistic work in colleges and universities and secondary schools; to promote and assist the work of chaplains in the army and navy, and religious work among coast guards; and to establish a Bureau through which to utilize the services of accredited Methodist evangelists.

§ 3. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall cooperate with the Board of Education in providing for the religious training of Methodist students at tax-supported, independent, and other educational institutions not under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by naming three of its members to serve with a like committee of the Board of Education, to have general supervision over all such work and to make grants of money from available funds, or to assist in campaigns for raising funds for the support of such work.

The Corresponding Secretaries respectively of the Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall be members *ex officio* of said Joint Committee.

VIII. Annual Conference Boards

¶ 447, § 1. In each Annual Conference there shall

be a Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, composed of the District Superintendents *ex officio*, and an equal number of Ministers and Laymen elected by the Annual Conference on nomination of the District Superintendents. Such Board shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers, together with the District Superintendents, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with authority to recommend contingent or emergency appropriations, and to distribute all Home Mission Funds at the disposal of the Annual Conference. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Annual Conference to send the names of these officers to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and to publish them in the Conference Minutes.

§ 2. The Conference Board shall hold its Annual Meeting on the call of the President, and other meetings may be called by the President, or any three members, on due notice. The transactions of the year shall be reported by the President to the Annual Conference.

§ 3. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, in making payments to meet appropriations, shall send drafts to the Secretary of the Conference Board, payable to the Treasurer, except in the case of duly organized City Societies or Rural Societies, in which case remittances shall be made direct to them.

§ 4. In Mission Conferences there shall be a Board of Home Missions and Church Extension constituted as in an Annual Conference, and having the same duties and powers.

IX. Boards of Church Location

¶ 448. There shall be, in each District of an Annual Conference, a Board of Church Location, consisting of the District Superintendent and three Ministers and three Laymen, nominated by the District Superintendent and approved by the Conference. It shall be the duty of this Board to prevent the selection of improper sites, and consider and determine all questions relating to the selection of new Church Locations which may be referred to it by the District Superintendent or by the vote of any Quarterly Conference. The decision of said Board shall be final, unless overruled by the Annual Conference. It also shall be the duty of this Board, when requested by the District Superintendent or the Quarterly Conference of a Church contemplating the erection of a new edifice or the extensive remodeling of an existing one, to consider carefully the entire situation, and report to the District Superintendent and the Quarterly Conference its opinion as to the feasibility of the enterprise.

X. Administration of Missions

¶ 449, § 1. A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the Bishop in charge, who shall preside if present. In the absence of the Bishop the Superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting, and arrange the work. This Annual Meeting shall possess the functions and powers of a District Conference, although the authority to license Local Preachers, and to renew

the licenses of Local Preachers and Exhorters, shall remain with the Quarterly Conferences.

§ 2. In Annual Missions using a language other than English examinations of local and traveling preachers shall be held by the Mission, and certified to the Annual Conference concerned. The Mission shall also make the recommendations for Admission on Trial in an Annual Conference.

CHAPTER VI

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

¶ 450, § 1. There shall be an organization known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the purpose of enlisting and organizing the efforts of Christian women and young people in behalf of all native and foreign groups, needy childhood, and community welfare throughout our country, and to cooperate with other societies and agencies in educational, missionary and deaconess work.

§ 2. It shall be governed and regulated by its Constitution, which may be altered or amended, when presented in proper form, by the Board of Managers, such changes to be approved by the General Conference after having been approved by the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Society.

§ 3. Its field of labor, general plan of work, and its appropriations shall be submitted for approval to the Board of Home Missions and Church Exten-

sion of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its Annual Meeting.

§ 4. The appointment of missionaries serving with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be made by the Board of Trustees of the Society.

Deaconesses serving with the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be appointed according to the provisions of the Discipline of the Church.

§ 5. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be raised by receiving Annual, Life, Honorary, and Perpetual Members; by gifts, annuities, bequests, and devises, and by collections in audiences convened in the interests of the Society. The amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolence collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

CHAPTER VII

[The General Conference has ordered the merging of the following Boards, to wit: The Board of Education (including Deaconess Training Schools), the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, and the Board of the Epworth League, under the style and title of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has also directed that the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board be merged into one Board under the general style and title of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work. See ¶ 569.]

BOARD OF EDUCATION

I. The Board of Education

[When the merger of the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, and the Board of the Epworth League has been consummated as directed by the General Conference, there shall be committed to the Corporation thereby created under the name "Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church" the work now committed to the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, the Board of the Epworth League and the Deaconess Training Schools heretofore committed to the General Deaconess Board. The membership of said corporation shall consist of 45 members to be appointed by the Board of Bishops, to serve until the close of the next General Conference. ¶ 569, § 5 c.]

¶ 451, § 1. It is the object of the Board of Education to serve as the officially authorized agency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in behalf of ministerial and general education, seeking to diffuse the blessings of education and Christianity throughout the United States, and to cooperate with other Boards in educational work under their care.

§ 2. This Board shall have an advisory relation to the business and educational management of all the

schools, colleges, and other educational interests or agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; shall devise ways and means for the aid of institutions; and shall receive and disburse such funds as may from time to time be committed to it. It may serve as a Board of Reference or Arbitration and when necessary may take measures to protect the property interests of our educational institutions. It shall seek to promote general and theological education and religious training of students at institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of Methodist students at tax-supported, independent, or other institutions. It shall promote the cause of education throughout the Church by collecting and publishing statistics, by furnishing plans for educational buildings, and by giving counsel with regard to the location and organization of institutions. It shall also serve as a general medium for communication between teachers desiring employment and institutions needing their services.

§ 3. In furthering ministerial education as provided in § 1 of this paragraph, this Board shall cooperate with the Board of Bishops in the work of the Commission on Courses of Study and shall nominate to the Board of Bishops three members from the faculties of the educational institutions of the Church to represent the Board of Education on said Commission (¶ 210, § 1). The work of the Commission shall be reported to the annual meeting of the Board of Education and the Board shall serve as the repository of the records of this Commission. The Board shall provide funds as may be found necessary, and as may be approved by the Board, for the work of the Commission.

¶ 452, § 1. The management of the affairs and properties of the Board of Education shall vest in a Board of Trustees consisting of thirty-six members, of whom one half shall be Laymen and at least three shall be Bishops. The said Board of Trustees shall constitute the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York. One third of the Board shall be elected at each General Conference on the nomination of the Board of Bishops, to serve for a term of twelve years; provided, however, that the terms of all of said Trustees shall cease when the merger of the Board of Education, Board of Education for Negroes, Board of Sunday Schools, and Board of Epworth League shall have been consummated either by obtaining a charter for a new corporation or the amendment of an existing charter.

§ 2. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Bishops or a majority of them, the persons so appointed to serve until the next succeeding General Conference.

¶ 453, § 1. The officers of the Board shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and such other officers or agents, paid or unpaid, as the Board may from time to time determine. The officers, except such as are elected by the General Conference, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board. The salaries of all officers and employees shall be fixed by the Board, and the By-Laws shall prescribe the duties of each.

§ 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall be elected by the General Conference and, subject to the provisions of the Discipline and the direction of the

Board, he shall conduct the correspondence and business of the Board. In all his official conduct he shall be subject to the authority and control of the Board. His time shall be employed in conducting its affairs and in promoting its general interests.

§ 3. Any vacancy in the office of Corresponding Secretary caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled temporarily by the Board until the Bishops or a majority of them shall fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding General Conference.

¶ 454, § 1. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as it may determine, subject to the conditions of its charter, and may hold such special meetings as from time to time may be necessary. Twelve members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 2. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee of such number as it may determine and may commit to said Executive Committee such business or confer upon it such powers not inconsistent with the charter or with General Conference legislation, as the Board may determine.

§ 3. There shall be appointed annually by the Board a Standing Committee on Finance, consisting of five members of the Board, with whom may also be associated as advisory members, two additional persons not members of the Board. To the care and management of the Finance Committee shall be intrusted the funds of the corporation, the preparation of the annual budget, the fixing of the official bond of the Treasurer, and the proper investment of the moneys of the corporation under the direction of the Board of Trustees. No investments or securities

shall be changed by the Treasurer without the consent of a majority of the Finance Committee first obtained by resolution adopted at a regular meeting thereof. Minutes of all the proceedings of the Finance Committee shall be kept and submitted to the stated meetings of the Board of Trustees for approval.

§ 4. The Board may also appoint a Local Administrative Committee of such number as it may determine, composed of members of the Board residing within convenient distance of the general offices of the Board. Said Local Administrative Committee shall include members, respectively, of the Executive and Finance Committees in such numbers as may from time to time be determined by the Board. It shall be empowered to transact such business as may be referred to it by the Board, by the Executive Committee, or by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board. Its action shall in all cases be fully reported to the Executive Committee and by the Executive Committee to the stated meetings of the Board.

¶ 455, § 1. The Board of Education shall receive and separately invest the moneys contributed prior to the first day of January, 1885, for the Sunday School Children's Fund, commenced during the Centenary of 1866. This fund shall be known as "The Sunday School Children's Fund of 1866." The income thereof, aside from such sums as may be appropriated for expenses of administration, shall be devoted to the purpose of assisting meritorious Sunday school scholars, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in obtaining more advanced education, preference being given to the aid of young persons preparing for the ministry or for the Home or

Foreign Missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 2. The Board shall receive the moneys derived from the Children's Day collections taken annually in the Sunday Schools throughout the Church, which moneys shall constitute "The Children's Day Fund." This fund shall be appropriated year by year to the aid of needy students who are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and if any surplus remain in any year after appropriating so much of the principal sum received from the collections for that year as may be necessary for the aid of students, such surplus shall be added to "The Sunday School Children's Fund of 1866," described in § 1 of this paragraph.

§ 3. Each Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be entitled to share equitably in the income of the Sunday School Children's Fund of 1866 and in the distribution of moneys annually received from the Children's Day collections; *provided*, the annual collections for the said purpose are taken in the Sunday Schools within its bounds and are forwarded to the Board of Education.

§ 4. Aid from the Sunday School Children's Fund of 1866 or from The Children's Day Fund shall be granted only in the form of loans; but, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the Board shall have authority to cancel said loans in part or in whole for causes which seem to it sufficient.

§ 5. The Board shall receive and securely invest the principal of "The Centenary Educational Fund" as distinguished from "The Sunday School Children's Fund of 1866" and shall appropriate the income there-

from to the aid of universities, colleges, academies, biblical or theological schools, or other educational agencies under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church which are now in existence or which may hereafter be established with the approval of the General Conference through the Board of Education; provided, that no institution not now in existence shall be aided by the Board unless the Board shall first have been consulted and shall have approved of the establishment and organization of such institution before the project was undertaken. The Board shall seek to augment the Centenary Educational Fund for the aid of educational institutions under its care.

§ 6. The Board of Education shall receive such funds as are contributed for educational purposes through the general benevolences of the Church and shall appropriate the same for the aid of institutions and educational foundations under the patronage of the Church under such rules as the Board may adopt, provided they are in accord with General Conference legislation. In making appropriations from this fund to individual institutions the Board shall give due consideration to their actual current needs as shown in carefully prepared reports presented by them on budget forms provided by the Board. Small colleges with limited endowment but rich in their contribution to the religious leadership of the Church are especially commended to the favorable consideration of the Board. In case an official apportionment is made for the cause of education to any Conference, any excess which may be raised by the Conference above this apportionment may be retained by it for the benefit of approved educational institu-

tions under its patronage, as the Conference may determine.

§ 7. The Board of Education shall have especial care of the schools of the South which were committed to it for maintenance and administration by the General Conference of 1908.

§ 8. The Board may solicit, create, and administer a fund which shall aid in providing retiring allowances or pensions for the presidents, professors, and other members of the faculties of the educational institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of such fund.

§ 9. The Board shall have power to administer any and all other funds, gifts, or bequests, committed to it for educational purposes, and shall be authorized to solicit and create any special funds deemed wise in the carrying out of the objects and purposes of the Board and to administer the same under such rules and regulations as it may adopt.

§ 10. The Board of Education shall cooperate with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in the care and religious training of Methodist students at tax-supported, independent, and other educational institutions not under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by naming three of its members to serve with a like Committee of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to have general supervision over all such work. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall be additional *ex officio* members of this Joint Committee. The Board of Education may make grants of money

from available funds for the support of such work; *provided*, that any institution or foundation thus aided shall have first submitted to said Board carefully prepared reports on budget forms provided by the Board.

§ 11. No educational institution or educational foundation of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall hereafter be established or receive support from the Church funds without its plans and organization having been first submitted to the Board of Education for its approval.

¶ 456. Educational societies or foundations created by Annual Conferences may be recognized as auxiliaries of the Board of Education when their objects and purposes, their articles of incorporation, and their methods of administration are approved by the Annual Conference within whose bounds they are incorporated and by the Board of Education. All auxiliaries thus formed shall be required to send annually a report of their fiscal and administrative affairs to the Board of Education.

¶ 457. The Board of Trustees may from time to time adopt By-Laws for the regulation of the affairs of the Board not inconsistent with the Charter or with General Conference legislation.

II. Educational Institutions

[Department of Schools and Colleges of the Board of Education, ¶ 408, § 1, 3(a)]

¶ 458, § 1. The educational institutions in the United States under the patronage of the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church shall be classified as follows:

1. Primary Schools and Religious Day Schools.
2. Secondary Schools.
3. Colleges and Universities.
4. Schools of Theology.
5. Auxiliaries and Foundations.
6. Training Schools for Christian Workers.

No institution having been classified by the Board of Education shall change its classification without having first secured the approval of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the foreign mission fields, where the classification of schools under the national educational system differs from that in the United States, the tabulation and description of schools shall harmonize with the national system, and in official publications in the United States appropriate explanatory notes shall be published with the tables.

§ 2. In mission fields or other localities in the United States where provision for elementary instruction is inadequate, primary schools may be established, under the supervision of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may cooperate with local churches or interchurch groups by advising as to the courses of study for religious instruction in community day schools.

§ 3. Wherever conditions are favorable an Annual or Mission Conference may have under its patronage one or more secondary schools, colleges, universities, theological schools, or other educational institutions or agencies, provided such institutions have the approval of the Board of Education and meet the requirements of the University Senate.

§ 4. An Annual or Mission Conference in the United States may not establish or acquire a secondary school, college, or university, except in case of clear necessity and with the prospect of sufficient financial support for its permanent equipment and maintenance, and with the approval of the Board of Education.

§ 5. (1) The theological schools of the Church shall be those whose professors are nominated or confirmed by the Bishops, and they shall exist for the benefit of the whole Church. Since they exist for the benefit of the whole Church, the Church therefore recognizes its obligation for their maintenance and support.

(2) The theological schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located within the boundaries of the United States, shall be under the advisory supervision of the Board of Education, from which they shall receive such financial aid as said Board shall determine, after giving due consideration to their needs as exhibited in carefully prepared reports on budget forms provided by the Board.

(3) It is the duty of Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors to direct the attention of qualified candidates for the ministry of our Church to our theological schools and to secure their attendance at such schools.

(4) No theological school, or department of theology in an existing institution, shall be established without first securing the consent of the Board of Education.

§ 6. Auxiliaries and foundations established for the promotion of educational work under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church may be rec-

ognized by the Board of Education and be listed in its reports when their objects and plans, their articles of incorporation, their methods of administration, and their educational standards are approved by the Annual Conference within whose bounds they are established and by the Board of Education.

§ 7. The Board of Education shall publish in its annual report a list of all the educational institutions under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, classified in accordance with § 1 of this paragraph, and the findings of the University Senate. It shall be the duty of the President or other administrative officer of each educational institution to furnish to the Board of Education such statistics or other information as may enable the Board to make a report of the standing and equipment of each of the institutions; *provided*, however, that in the case of educational institutions in the foreign field, the information desired shall be secured through the Board of Foreign Missions.

III. The University Senate

¶ 459, § 1. The University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be appointed quadrennially by the Bishops, and shall be composed of twenty-one persons actively engaged in the work of education. If, in consequence of the retirement of a member from educational work, or from any other cause, a vacancy occur in the body during the Quadrennium, it shall be the duty of the Bishops at their next semiannual meeting to fill such vacancy.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the University Senate

to protect the educational standards of the Church. The Senate shall have authority to establish standards for the various educational institutions and foundations under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall have advisory oversight of the educational work conducted under the several Lenevolent Boards of the Church with a view to ascertaining its quality and effectiveness.

§ 3. The Senate shall determine and at least quadrennially revise the minimum requirements to be maintained for admission, for graduation, and for promotion to baccalaureate degrees, in the educational institutions under the patronage of the Church. The requirements thus established shall provide in all cases for the historical and literary study of the Bible.

§ 4. At the request of the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education or at the written request of five of its own members the University Senate shall investigate the scholastic requirements and methods of any designated educational institution or foundation claiming or adjudged to be under the patronage or supervision of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church and shall report to said Board its decisions as to whether the requirements and methods of said institution are such as to justify its official recognition by the Church. The Senate shall report at least quadrennially to the Board of Education a proper classification for each educational institution or foundation under its supervision, and on the basis of this report the Board of Education shall prepare its official lists of institutions and shall be governed in its administration.

§ 5. At the request of the President or the Corresponding Secretary of any of the Benevolent Boards of the Church, or at the written request of five of its own members, the University Senate shall examine the quality and standards of the educational work done under the auspices of such Board and shall report to the Board concerned its estimate of the merit of such educational work, and its recommendations as to what changes or improvements, if any, should be adopted.

§ 6. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education shall be the Executive Secretary of the University Senate, and the necessary expenses of the University Senate in the conduct of its work shall be borne by the Board of Education, except that expenses incurred on behalf of any other of the Benevolent Boards of the Church shall be borne by that Board.

§ 7. The University Senate shall meet in regular session at least twice in each quadrennium.

IV. Annual Conferences

¶ 460, § 1. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to organize within its bounds an Annual Conference Board of Education. This Board shall consist of at least one and not more than four Ministers and an equal number of Laymen for each District, as the Annual Conference may determine, to be elected by the Annual Conference and hold office for three years. The Board shall be divided into three classes, each containing approximately one third of the Ministers and one third of the Laymen,

one class to be elected at each session of the Annual Conference upon nomination of the Conference Committee on Education, unless otherwise determined by the Conference; *provided*, that at the first election one class shall be elected for three years, one class for two years, and one class for one year. All Presidents of colleges or universities, theological schools, principals of secondary schools and official heads of auxiliaries of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which are under the patronage of the Conference, shall be members *ex officio* of the Annual Conference Board.

§ 2. The Ministerial Members of the Conference Board of Education shall report the acts and affairs of the Conference Board to the Annual Conference, and shall transmit the instructions and acts of the Annual Conference relative to education and educational institutions to the Conference Board of Education.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Conference Board of Education:

(1) To organize by the election of a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and to appoint such committees as are necessary to accomplish its work.

(2) To hold at least one meeting each year for the consideration and promotion within the Annual Conference of the general and local interests of education, at which meeting the Corresponding Secretary or other representative of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be present if possible.

(3) To provide for the visitation each year of the approved educational institutions within the bounds

of the Annual Conference or under its patronage, in cases where Conference Visitors are not provided for by Charters or other established method of the Annual Conference. Conference Visitors to the respective educational institutions shall report upon the same to the Conference Board of Education, and the Conference Board shall report upon such institutions to the Annual Conference and, upon request, to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(4) To review the financial reports and budgets prepared by educational institutions under the patronage of the Conference for presentation to the Annual Conference and to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a basis for requests for appropriations from the Public Educational Collection, and to make recommendations thereon.

(5) To provide for the presentation of the cause of education within the bounds of the Annual Conference and to assist as may be found possible in taking educational collections.

(6) To secure lists of the members of the educational committees of each Charge within the bounds of the Annual Conference and as far as possible to coordinate the work of such committees.

(7) To have charge of the anniversary of the Board of Education at the session of the Annual Conference and to arrange for conventions and other public educational meetings.

(8) To assist in formulating the plans and programs of the Annual Conference in furtherance of its educational interests; to serve as an agency of the Conference in carrying into effect such plans and

programs or other instructions of the Annual Conference; and to make a report at the Annual Conference session of the acts and affairs of the Conference Board of Education for the year.

§ 4. The Treasurer of each Annual Conference at the close of each Conference session shall report to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church the amount of all moneys raised for educational purposes and the objects to which they have been applied.

V. District Superintendents

¶ 461. It shall be the duty of each District Superintendent to bring the subject of education before the fourth Quarterly Conference of each Pastoral Charge within his District, and the Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee on Education, consisting of not less than three nor more than seven persons, of which Committee the Pastor shall be Chairman. This Committee shall aid the Pastor in canvassing the Charge for the purpose of stimulating interest in the higher education of our youth, by distributing the catalogues and circulars of the secondary schools, colleges, universities, and theological institutions of the Church, and by seeking to secure the attendance of our young people upon these institutions.

VI. Pastors

¶ 462, § 1. It shall be the duty of every Pastor to cause each Sunday School under his charge to

observe the second Sunday in June or such other day as may be more convenient, as Children's Day, and on that day as a part of the service there shall be taken in each charge a collection to be devoted to the aid of worthy students in educational institutions. The Pastor shall forward the money received from this collection to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church and all such moneys received by the Board shall constitute the Children's Day Fund to be administered for the purposes for which the collection was taken under such rules as the Board may adopt subject to General Conference legislation. The Pastor shall report the amount of the Children's Day Collection to the Annual Conference among the Disciplinary Benevolences.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of every Pastor to take a public collection annually in each Society in aid of the general work of education in addition to the Children's Day Collection referred to in § 1 of this paragraph. The moneys received from this collection shall be forwarded by the Pastor to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference and shall be reported among the Disciplinary Benevolences under the heading "Public Educational Collection." The total amount of the Public Educational Collection shall be forwarded by the Treasurer of the Conference to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church to constitute a fund for the aid of institutions to be administered for such purpose under such rules as the Board may adopt subject to General Conference legislation. In case the Public Educational Collection in any Conference in a given year shall exceed the official apportionment for this cause, the excess may be retained by the Conference for

the benefit of the approved educational institutions under its patronage as the Conference may determine. (¶ 455, § 6.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR NEGROES

[Department of Education for Negroes of the Board of Education, see ¶ 408, § 1, 3(b)]

I. General Object

¶ 463. The work of the Board of Education for Negroes shall be the establishment and maintenance of institutions for Christian education among the colored people in the Southern States and elsewhere. The instruction in these institutions shall include such literary, professional, and biblical courses of study and such industrial training as will tend to develop the highest Christian character. These institutions shall be located with reference to an educational system comprising collegiate centers and cooperative preparatory academies, so that with the greatest economy the educational needs of the people may be most fully met. Contributions shall be taken through the Church for the maintenance and support of this work, and for this purpose Lincoln's Birthday shall be observed wherever practicable. The schools shall be made self-supporting as rapidly as the financial conditions of the people will permit. Special efforts shall be made to secure permanent endowments for the various institutions, and the Board of Managers, whenever it is satisfied that the support

will be ample and that the property will be maintained and perpetuated, may convey the control of said schools to local Boards of Trustees.

II. Board of Managers

¶ 464. There shall be a Board of Managers consisting of six General Superintendents, twelve Ministers, and twelve Laymen, to be elected quadrennially by the General Conference, upon nomination by the Bishops; their term of service shall begin on the first Wednesday in June following their election, and continue until their successors shall enter upon their duties. The Corresponding Secretaries shall be members of the Board *ex officio*. *Ad interim* vacancies shall be filled by the Bishops until the session of the ensuing General Conference, and the absence of any member from four consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable excuse shall create a vacancy. The Board of Managers, being incorporated according to law, shall be subject to the control of the General Conference and the provisions of the Discipline, and shall have such powers and prerogatives as are needed to conduct the work of the Society, to designate what institutions shall receive aid for the ensuing year, and, as far as practicable, the amount each school shall receive; to determine the total amount to be expended in the support of the schools and for administrative purposes. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, except the purchase and sale of real estate, in which case a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and the concurrent vote of eleven members

shall be necessary to complete any such transaction. The Board shall make a quadrennial report to the General Conference, and shall publish quarterly, or oftener, full information concerning its work.

III. Officers

¶ 465, § 1. The officers of the Board shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, two coordinate Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer, all of whom, except the Corresponding Secretaries, shall be elected by the Board at its annual meeting each year; but a vacancy may be filled at any meeting.

§ 2. The Corresponding Secretaries shall be elected by the General Conference, and as Administrative Officers shall be in all official acts subject to the authority and control of the Board of Managers. Their time shall be occupied, under the direction of the Board, in promoting the interests of the Society by conducting the correspondence and office work, traveling through the Church, giving general supervision to the institutions of learning under the care of the Society, and rendering other needful forms of service. In case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall provide for the duties of the office until the Bishops shall fill the vacancy. The Board shall fix and pay the respective salaries of all its salaried Officers.

§ 3. The Publishing Agent at Cincinnati shall be the Treasurer of the Society, and the Board of Managers may appoint such Assistant Treasurers as it deems wise.

IV. District Superintendents and Pastors

¶ 466, § 1. Each District Superintendent, as early in the Conference year as possible, shall inform each Pastor in his District of the amount to be raised in his Pastoral Charge, and he shall also inquire at the third Quarterly Conference if the amount asked for has been raised, and if not, he shall urge that it be secured before the close of the Conference year.

§ 2. At the last Quarterly Conference of each year a committee of not less than three nor more than nine shall be appointed, of which the Pastor shall be the Chairman, to be called the Committee on Education for Negroes, whose duty it shall be to aid in carrying into effect the provisions of the Discipline and the plans of the Officers and Managers of the Society for the support of this cause, so that at least the amount asked for each year from the Pastoral Charge shall be secured. The Committee shall also see that information concerning this work is diffused among the people, using as one means for this purpose the literature published by the Society.

§ 3. The Pastor, aided by the Committee on Apportioned Benevolences and the Committee on Education for Negroes, where such Committee is constituted, shall provide for an annual day in the interest of this cause, and whenever practicable this day shall be the Sunday nearest to Lincoln's Birthday, when the Pastor shall present or shall have presented the Cause of Negro Education in the public congregation. On this occasion offerings and pledges may be received to meet the apportionment made by the World Service Commission, unless such apportionment has been already provided for by the

Every-Member-Canvass budget plan. This apportionment being a minimum asking, a free-will offering may be received in addition thereto.

V. Negro Schools

¶ 467. To promote educational work for Negroes and to avoid duplication, the Board of Education for Negroes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall have authority, on such terms as by majority vote of its entire membership the Board shall approve, to co-operate or to unite with schools of other denominations, or those under independent control.

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

[Department of Church Schools of the Board of Education, see ¶ 408, § 1, 3(c)]

I. Incorporation

¶ 468, § 1. For the moral and religious instruction of our children, and for the promotion of Bible knowledge among all our people, there shall be a Board of Sunday Schools, duly incorporated according to the laws of the State of Illinois, and having its headquarters in the city of Chicago. The said Board shall have general oversight of all the Sunday School interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as

the General Conference from time to time may prescribe.

§ 2. The Board of Sunday Schools shall, until merged with the Board of Education, be composed of the Corresponding Secretary of said Board and the Editor of Sunday School Publications, who shall be *ex officio* members thereof; one effective Bishop, and twenty-six members at large, lay and clerical, expert in Sunday School work. All the members of said Board except the two *ex officio* members shall be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Board of Bishops.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of said Board to found Sunday Schools in needy neighborhoods; to contribute to the support of Sunday Schools requiring assistance; to educate the Church in all phases of Sunday School work, constantly endeavoring to raise ideals and improve methods; to determine the Sunday School curriculum, including the courses for teacher training; and, in general, to give impulse and direction to the study of the Bible in the Church. It shall also be the duty of said Board, after consultation with the Editor of Sunday School Publications, to recommend to the Book Committee the kind and character of literature, requisites, supplies, etc., needed for use in our Sunday Schools; and the Publishing Agents shall provide and publish such literature, requisites, and supplies, as, in the judgment of the Book Committee, the best interests of the Church may demand. It shall also be the duty of said Board to promote such organizations of men as the organized Bible classes, Brotherhoods, and kindred organizations.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the Board of Sunday

Schools to revise annually its list of members. In case any member representing a General Conference District remove therefrom, it shall declare his office vacant, and in case any member be inattentive to the duties of his office, or guilty of improper conduct, it may remove him by a majority vote of all of the members of said Board. All vacancies in said Board may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members thereof.

§ 5. The executive officers of the Board shall be the Corresponding Secretary and the Editor of Sunday School Publications, whose duties shall be as hereinafter defined.

§ 6. The German Editor of Sunday School Publications in Cincinnati shall be the German Assistant Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, without additional salary. He shall also be an advisory member of the Board.

II. Corresponding Secretary

¶ 469, § 1. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially a Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools. Under the provisions of the Discipline and the authority, direction, and control of said Board, he shall conduct its correspondence and business, except in so far as they relate to the duties of the Editor of Sunday School Publications. It shall be his duty to recommend to the Book Committee the preparation and publication of such Sunday School requisites and supplies as in his judgment may be necessary. His salary shall be fixed by the Board of Sunday Schools and paid out of the funds thereof. He shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board.

§ 2. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools may be suspended by said Board for any cause it may deem sufficient. In case of such suspension said Board shall fix a time, at as early a date as practicable, for the investigation of his conduct. After such investigation, said Corresponding Secretary may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board of Sunday Schools.

§ 3. Any vacancy in this office caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Sunday Schools subject to the approval of the Board of Bishops.

III. Editor of Sunday School Publications

¶ 470, § 1. The General Conference shall elect quadrennially an Editor of Sunday School Publications.

§ 2. He shall prepare and edit all books and literature included in the Sunday School Curriculum, and all other required Sunday School publications.

§ 3. He shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Sunday Schools, but his salary shall be fixed by the Book Committee and paid by the Publishing Agents. He shall be amenable to the Book Committee as provided in the Discipline.

IV. Other Officers

¶ 471, § 1. The Board shall elect from among its members a President and two Vice-Presidents. It shall also elect a Recording Secretary, and a Treas-

urer. It may, at its discretion, elect an Assistant Corresponding Secretary and such other Assistants as it may deem necessary for the proper efficient conduct of the work of the Board.

§ 2. All these officers shall be amenable to the Board for the faithful performance of their duties and may be discontinued or removed by a majority vote of the Board. Their compensation shall be fixed by the Board and paid out of its funds.

V. Conference Board of Sunday Schools

¶ 472, § 1. It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference to organize a Conference Board of Sunday Schools. Said Board shall consist of the Superintendent of each District *ex officio* and an equal number of Laymen and Ministers from each District. The Conference Board shall be auxiliary to the Department of Church Schools of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church and shall have oversight of the Sunday School interests of the Conference, and shall cooperate with said Department in promoting the Sunday School work of the Conference and of the denomination at large. The Conference Board may add not to exceed five members at large in order more adequately to carry forward its work. It shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference.

§ 2. The District representatives on the Conference Board of Sunday Schools may act as a District Board of Sunday Schools when they so desire.

§ 3. Among the duties of the Conference Board shall be the holding of Sunday School Institutes and

other meetings of Sunday School workers, the presentation of standard requirements for Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, the recommendation of the lesson helps authorized by the General Conference, the distribution of literature issued by the Board of Sunday Schools and the Methodist Book Concern, the stimulation of effective Sunday School organization, instruction and equipment, the promotion of Sunday School growth and extension, the encouragement of wise plans for Evangelistic efforts in the Sunday Schools and the promotion of the financial interests of the General Board of Sunday Schools. This Board shall take the place of the Annual Conference Committee on Sunday Schools and make an annual report of Sunday School conditions and progress to the Conference and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools.

VI. Local Sunday School Board

¶ 473, § 1. Every Sunday School of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be under the supervision of a Local Sunday School Board, and shall be auxiliary to the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 2. The Local Sunday School Board shall consist of the Pastor, who shall be *ex officio* Chairman, the Director of Religious Education (when there is one), and the Committee on Religious Instruction appointed by the Quarterly Conference, the Superintendent, who shall be *ex officio* Vice-Chairman, and all other officers and teachers of the Sunday School elected or confirmed by the Local Board. In case of

the withdrawal of Officers and Teachers from the school, they shall cease to be members of the Board.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Local Sunday School Board, wherever practicable, to organize the Sunday Schools into Temperance Societies, under such rules and regulations as the Local Board may prescribe. The duty of such Societies shall be to see that temperance instruction is imparted in the Sunday School, and to secure, so far as possible, the pledging of its members to total abstinence.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the local Sunday School Board to promote the standard requirements for Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools as determined by the General Board of Sunday Schools, and especially shall it be the duty of the Local Sunday School Board to provide a class or classes for the training of officers and teachers in the principles and methods of religious education and Sunday School work.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, together with the Local Sunday School Board, to observe Sunday School Rally Day in each School under his charge as provided in ¶ 476, § 6, and to take a collection in said School at least once a year for the Board of Sunday Schools.

VII. Sunday School Officers and Teachers

¶ 474, § 1. The Superintendent shall be elected annually by ballot by the Local Sunday School Board, subject to confirmation by the Quarterly Conference at its first session after such election, and in case of a vacancy the Pastor shall superintend or secure the superintending of the School until such time as a

Superintendent elected by the Local Sunday School Board shall be confirmed by the Quarterly Conference.

§ 2. The other Officers of the School shall be elected annually by ballot by the Local Sunday School Board.

§ 3. The Teachers of the School shall be nominated by the Superintendent, with the concurrence of the Pastor, and shall be elected annually by the Local Sunday School Board.

§ 4. The place of any Officer or Teacher habitually neglectful, inefficient, or guilty of improper conduct, or of teaching contrary to the accepted doctrines of our Church, may be declared vacant by a vote of two thirds of the Local Sunday School Board present at any regular or special meeting. When a Teacher ceases to teach, without the consent of the Superintendent, his membership in the Local Sunday School Board shall thereby be discontinued.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to report to each Quarterly Conference:

1. Name of Sunday School.
2. Number of officers and teachers.
3. Scholars—not including Home Department and Cradle Roll.
4. Members in Home Department.
5. Children on Cradle Roll.
6. Total enrollment in all departments, including Cradle Roll, Home Department, Scholars, Officers and Teachers.
7. Average attendance.
8. Members of school who are Church Members, or Preparatory Members, (a) Teachers and Officers; (b) Home Department; (c) other scholars not including Cradle Roll.

9. Professed conversions of Members of the Sunday School.

10. Accessions to the Church from the Sunday School.

11. Current expenses.

12. Given for Missions.

13. Given for Board of Sunday Schools.

14. Other benevolent collections.

15. To what extent are the schools graded?

16. Are the Sunday Schools furnished with the publications authorized by our Church? Graded or uniform lessons?

17. Have the Sunday Schools Missionary Superintendents and Committees?

18. Are they organized into Temperance Societies?

19. Miscellaneous.

NOTE.—He shall also, at the Fourth Quarterly Conference, render an annual report on the above items.

VIII. District Superintendents

¶ 475, § 1. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to aid in all possible ways in developing the efficiency of the Sunday Schools of his district. He shall be especially required to promote graded organization, graded instruction, teacher training, and evangelism; he shall also urge in all Schools the use of the literature authorized by the General Conference published by The Methodist Book Concern. He shall provide an annual institute for the instruction and training of the Sunday School workers of his District in the most effective methods of Sunday School work.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendent to bring the subject of Sunday Schools before

the fourth Quarterly Conference; and said Quarterly Conference shall appoint a Committee of members of our Church not less than three nor more than nine for each Sunday School in the Charge, to be called the Committee on Religious Instruction, whose duty shall be as hereinafter described.

IX. Pastors

¶ 476, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education, aided by the Superintendent and the Commission on Religious Education, to decide as to what books and other publications shall be used in the Sunday Schools.

§ 2. It shall be the special duty of the Pastor, with the aid of the other Preachers and the Committee on Religious Instruction, to form Sunday Schools in all our Congregations where ten persons can be collected for that purpose, which Schools shall be auxiliary to the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church; to engage the cooperation of as many of our members as he can; to visit the Schools as often as practicable; to see that regular instruction in Christian Stewardship shall be given in the Sunday Schools under his charge; to preach on the subject of Sunday Schools and the religious instruction of children in each Congregation at least once in six months; to form classes, wherever practicable, for the instruction of the larger children, youth, and adults in the Word of God; and where he cannot superintend them personally, to see that suitable Teachers are provided for that purpose.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Pastor faithfully to enforce upon parents and Sunday School Teachers the great importance of instructing children in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion; to see that our Catechisms be used as extensively as possible in our Sunday Schools and families; and to preach to the children and catechize them publicly in the Sunday Schools and at public meetings appointed for that purpose.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor in his Pastoral visits to pay special attention to the children; to speak to them personally and kindly according to their capacity on the subject of experimental and practical godliness; to pray earnestly for them; and diligently to instruct and exhort all parents to dedicate their children to the Lord in Baptism as early as convenient.

§ 5. Each Pastor shall lay before the Quarterly Conference, to be entered on its Journal, the number and state of the Sunday Schools in his Pastoral Charge, and the extent to which he has preached to the children and catechized them, and shall make the required report on Sunday Schools to his Annual Conference.

§ 6. It shall be the duty of every Pastor to cause each Church under his Charge to observe the first Sunday in October, or such other Sunday as may be more convenient, as Sunday School Rally Day, and upon said day as part of the service he shall take a collection to be devoted to the maintenance and advancement of Sunday School work throughout the bounds of the Church. The Pastor shall forward the said collection directly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools.

X. Quarterly Conference Commission on Religious Education

¶ 477, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Commission on Religious Education appointed by the Quarterly Conference to be in regular attendance at the Sunday School session, and to assist the Pastor and the local Sunday School Board in organizing and correlating all practicable forms of both Sunday and week-day religious instruction; to secure needed supplies and requisites for the Sunday School; and to cooperate in providing facilities for the week-day recreational life of the young people.

§ 2. It shall further secure adequate time for the Sunday School session; provide for a Sunday School anniversary in the Church service every year; promote an annual house-to-house visitation to increase Sunday School membership, Bible study and family worship in the home, and also aim to secure every member of the Church as a member of some department of the Sunday School.

BOARD OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE

[Department of Epworth League of the Board of Education, see ¶ 408, § 1, 3(d)]

I. Constitution

¶ 478. For the purpose of promoting intelligent and vital piety among the young people of our

Churches and Congregations, and of training them in works of mercy and help, there shall be an organization under the authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and governed by the following Constitution:

CONSTITUTION

§ 1. ARTICLE I. *Name.* The title of this organization shall be "The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

§ 2. ARTICLE II. *Object.* The object of the League shall be to promote intelligent and vital piety in the young members and friends of the Church, to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and constant growth in grace, and to train them in works of mercy and help.

§ 3. ARTICLE III. *Standard Organization.* With a view to carrying out the objects of the Epworth League there may be organized local Chapters, and District, Conference and Area Leagues, each conforming to the standard of organization set forth in this Article. A standard Chapter shall be constituted of a group of young people organized with a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Superintendent of Junior League and four departments, namely, (1) Spiritual work, (2) World Evangelism, (3) Social Service, (4) Recreation and Culture; with a Vice-President and committee at the head of each department, and with a Cabinet composed of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Superintendent of the Junior League, the four Vice-Presidents, the Director of Social and Recreational Life, and the Pastor *ex officio*. The Chapter shall be under the control of the Quarterly Conference and Pastor. Any young People's

Society may become an affiliated Chapter of the Epworth League provided that it adopt the aims of the League, that its President and other officers and its general plans of work are approved by the Pastor and Official Board or Quarterly Conference and that it is enrolled at the Central Office. Any group of young people not naturally affiliated with an existent Chapter may become a separate Chapter under the provisions of this paragraph. A standard District League shall be composed of the Chapters in a District, organized with the same officers as a local Chapter, who shall be elected at a delegated convention, and together with the District Superintendent *ex officio*, shall constitute the District Cabinet. A standard Conference League shall be composed of the District Cabinets within the Conference. They shall elect officers corresponding to those in a local Chapter, and these together with one District Superintendent chosen by the District Superintendents of the Conference shall constitute the Conference Cabinet. A standard Area League shall be composed of all the Conference Cabinets in the Area, and the Area member of the Board of the Epworth League. The Area Cabinet shall be elected by this body and shall consist of the same officers as those of a local Chapter, together with one District Superintendent chosen by the District Superintendents in the Area League, and the resident Bishop *ex officio*. It is understood this Article does not prevent the organization of city, county or State Leagues where such may be desired.

§ 4. ARTICLE IV. *Government.* The management of the Board of the Epworth League, until merged with the Board of Education, shall be vested in a

Board which shall consist of a Bishop, the General Secretary, the Editor of the *Epworth Herald*, and twenty members at large. The members at large to be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference.

The Bishop shall be President of the Epworth League and of the Board of the Epworth League. The Assistant Secretary of the Junior League and the elected field and Departmental Secretaries shall be advisory members of the Board. In case of a vacancy in the office of General Secretary during the Quadrennium, the same shall be filled by the Board of Bishops. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board shall be filled by said Board of Bishops.

§ 5. ARTICLE V. *Officers.* The Officers of the League shall be a President, a Vice-President, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President shall be chosen as hereinbefore provided. The Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall be chosen by the Board of the Epworth League from its own body. The General Secretary shall be elected by the General Conference, and shall be the executive officer of the League. He shall have charge of the correspondence, shall keep the records of the League, and may speak or provide speakers for Annual Conference anniversaries, and perform such other duties as the Board of the Epworth League may direct. The Editor of the *Epworth Herald* shall be elected by the General Conference, and shall perform such duties as relate to the editorial departments of Epworth League publications. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of the Epworth League. These Officers shall be elected quadren-

nially, and shall hold office until their successors are chosen. Vacancies in any of the above-mentioned positions, except the Presidency, the General Secretaryship, and the Editorship of the *Epworth Herald*, shall be filled by the Board of the Epworth League.

§ 6. ARTICLE VI. The Board of the Epworth League may elect, upon nomination by the General Secretary, such field or departmental secretaries as may be deemed necessary.

§ 7. ARTICLE VII. *Finances.* The salary of the Editor of the *Epworth Herald* shall be fixed by the Book Committee and paid by The Book Concern. The salaries of the General Secretary and of other Secretaries and the administrative expenses, such as may be authorized by the Board of the Epworth League, shall be paid from contributions from the local Chapters and Churches and the profits on Epworth League publications and supplies and other resources.

§ 8. ARTICLE VIII. *Central Office.* The Central Office of the Epworth League shall be in Chicago, Illinois.

§ 9. ARTICLE IX. *Local Constitution.* The Constitution for Local Chapters shall be determined by the Board of the Epworth League; provided, however, that no enactment shall be made which shall in any manner conflict with this General Constitution.

§ 10. ARTICLE X. *By-Laws.* The Board of the Epworth League shall have power to enact such By-Laws for its own government as will not conflict with this Constitution.

§ 11. ARTICLE XI. *Amendments.* This Constitution shall be altered or amended only by the General Conference.

II. Presidents of Local Chapters

¶ 479. The President of an Epworth League Chapter must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall be elected by the Chapter and confirmed by the Quarterly Conference, of which body he shall then become a member if approved by it for membership therein. It shall be his duty to present to the Quarterly Conference a report of his Chapter, together with such other information as the Conference may require and he may be able to give.

III. Directors of Social and Recreational Life

¶ 480. Whenever a Chapter of the Epworth League is organized and maintained the fourth Vice-President of the same, or wherever there is a social and recreational Director of the Sunday School, or any other social and recreational Director, such Vice-President or Director, when confirmed and approved by the Quarterly Conference, may be designated as Director of Social and Recreational Life.

IV. District Superintendents

¶ 481. It shall be the duty of the District Superintendents when holding District or Quarterly Conferences to inquire into the condition of Epworth League Chapters and such other Young People's Societies as may be under the control of the Quarterly and District Conferences, and to ascertain whether they are conducting their affairs in harmony with the purpose and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

V. Pastors

¶ 482, § 1. It shall be the duty of Pastors to organize and maintain, wherever practicable, Chapters of the Epworth League.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to cause each Church under his charge to observe Epworth League Anniversary Day on the second Sunday in May, or a^d Sunday as near thereto as possible. Whenever convenient the Anniversary shall be observed at the regular preaching hour.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to appoint Superintendents of Junior Leagues when needed who shall continue in office until a successor is appointed.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the Pastor to cause to be transmitted to the Central Office a complete list of the Epworth League officers of his Charge immediately after each election.

VI. Institutes

¶ 483, § 1. It shall be the duty of the Central Office to organize and maintain Institutes wherever practicable.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the Central Office to fix a standard curriculum and qualifications for the faculty of all Institutes both summer and midyear. All Committees or Cabinets arranging for Epworth League Institutes shall communicate or advise with the Central Office. Only such Institutes as meet the standards fixed by the Central Office shall receive its approval and be known as standard Institutes.

CHAPTER VIII

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF¹

Successor to the Board of Conference Claimants

I. Authorization

¶ 484, § 1. There shall be a Board of Pensions and Relief, nominated by the Bishops and elected by the General Conference, consisting of one effective Bishop, seven Ministers and eight Laymen; also the Corresponding Secretary, *ex officio*. No Annual Conference shall have more than one representative on the Board.

§ 2. The Bishop and the Corresponding Secretary shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference. The other members of the Board shall be divided into two classes:

Class I shall consist of four Laymen and four Ministers who shall be elected to serve for eight years.

Class II shall consist of four Laymen and three Ministers who shall be elected to serve for four years.

The General Conference of 1920 and subsequent General Conferences shall elect for a term of eight years the class whose term of service expires and shall fill vacancies in the classes. Vacancies occurring during the interval of the General Conference shall be filled until the session of the next General Conference by the Board, on nomination of the Bishops.

§ 3. The Board of Pensions and Relief shall be

¹ See ¶ 591.

duly and legally incorporated, according to the laws of the State of Illinois, with such powers and prerogatives as shall be needed for the accomplishing of the objects of the Board, as herein stated. This Board is authorized to adopt such measures as in its judgment are necessary to build up and administer a Connectional Permanent Fund which is hereby established, and to increase the revenues for the benefit of Conference Claimants. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. The office of the Board shall be in Chicago, Illinois.

§ 4. The Board of Pensions and Relief is hereby authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to establish a Permanent Fund for the relief of Aged and Disabled Supply Pastors who have served as Pastors for fifteen years or more, ten years of which shall have been consecutive, giving their entire time as Pastors to the work of the Church, and for their widows. The income of such fund shall be distributed directly to the beneficiaries on the basis of necessity, the allowances to be approved by the District Superintendent and by one of the Officers of the Board of Conference Stewards.

II. Officers

¶ 485, § 1. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary who shall be elected by the General Conference, and shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. Under the provisions of the Discipline and the authority, direction and control of the Board, he shall conduct the correspondence and business, and promote the general interests of the Board.

§ 2. The other officers of the Board shall be a Pres-

ident, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Board and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices. The Board may elect a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Assistant Treasurer outside of its own membership, or may elect as Treasurer any responsible bank or trust company, duly organized and incorporated under the laws of the United States or of any State.

III. Administration

¶ 486. The Board of Pensions and Relief at its annual meeting shall determine what amount shall be required for maintaining and promoting the work of the Board and shall present this amount to the World Service Commission to be included in the askings of the Commission, in common with those of the other Boards.

IV. Connectional Relief

¶ 487, § 1. Connectional Relief for Conference Claimants is established that the Preachers and people of the stronger Annual Conferences may be united with those of the weaker Conferences in one connectional or general plan in order that, by such cooperation, a more equitable and general support may be secured for Retired Ministers and other Conference Claimants, especially for those in the more needy Conferences.

§ 2. Such Connectional Relief shall consist of (1) The income from the Connectional Permanent Fund;

(2) The income from all other sources the use of which is not otherwise designated and which is not required for the maintenance of the Board.

V. Administration of Connectional Relief

¶ 488, § 1. Moneys for Connectional Relief shall be distributed by the Board of Pensions and Relief at its Annual Meeting, to the Annual Conferences severally and not to the individual claimant.

§ 2. The Board of Pensions and Relief, in determining the appropriation for Connectional Relief, shall ascertain from the authorized reports of the Conference Stewards of the several Annual Conferences what Conferences are in need of Connectional Relief, and shall make the distribution to such Conferences according to their need as this shall appear from such reports.

§ 3. The remainder of the available funds shall be distributed among the other Conferences as the Board of Pensions and Relief may determine to be wise and equitable in view of all the data in its possession.

VI. Reports

¶ 489. The Treasurer of the Board of Pensions and Relief shall send to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference a draft for the Appropriation for Connectional Relief, together with the last Annual Report of the Board, in which shall be shown the resources of the Board, the amount and distribution

of its income, and such other information concerning the work of the Church in behalf of Conference Claimants as the Board may obtain.

CHAPTER IX

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

(See ¶ 576)

CHAPTER X

BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION, AND PUBLIC MORALS

¶ 490, § 1. In order to make more effectual the efforts of the Church to create a Christian public sentiment, which will relate the principles of the gospel of Christ to the economical, political, industrial and social relations of life, and which will crystallize opposition to all public violations of the moral law and to all attempts to undermine or destroy established civil and religious liberties, the General Conference hereby authorizes the organization of a Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., and the Board shall incorporate under this title and work under the following constitution:

§ 2. ARTICLE I. The object of this Board is to

promote voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics, to enforce existing statutory laws and constitutional provisions that suppress the liquor traffic, to secure the speedy enactment of such legislation throughout the world, and to promote and maintain established civil and religious liberties.

§ 3. ARTICLE II. The management of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers consisting of a Bishop, who shall be the President, and twenty persons, at least two thirds of whom shall reside in the territory near or convenient of access to Washington, D. C., and ten advisory members. The Board shall be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. The Board of Managers shall meet annually, and at such annual meetings shall fill vacancies in the Board caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, and shall enact such By-Laws and shall employ such representatives in its work as it may deem necessary.

§ 4. ARTICLE III. The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and General Secretary. The President shall be a Bishop, chosen by the Board of Bishops, and all other officers shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Managers at its first meeting, which shall be held within three months of the adjournment of the General Conference. The General Secretary shall be elected quadrennially by the Board of Managers and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board and its executive officer. This Board shall have power at its annual meetings, on the nomination of the General Secretary, to fill any vacancies in these offices other than that of the President, and to employ such additional field and office representatives as it shall

need. An executive Committee consisting of seven members of the Board of Managers shall be elected by the Board and shall have power in the interim to fill any vacancies in the field and office representatives, and to transact such business as is necessary in the interim of the annual meetings and report its work for confirmation annually.

§ 5. ARTICLE IV. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to represent the Church officially in every wise movement for the promotion of voluntary personal total abstinence and the securing of legal prohibition of the liquor traffic; to promote public morals; to publish, approve and distribute literature on the liquor traffic, the use of narcotics and manufactured articles containing a large per cent of alcoholic liquors; to devise such plans and make such advices as shall enable the Church most successfully to compass the overthrow of that great foe of society, the legalized liquor traffic; to make such use of the money paid into its treasury as the work demands, and to publish an annual report of its work and to make a quadrennial report to the General Conference.

§ 6. ARTICLE V. Each Annual Conference shall form within its bounds a Conference Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, which shall elect its own officers who shall be subordinate to the General Board and in harmony with its plans shall promote reforms within said Conference boundaries. It shall elect a Conference Committee in each District consisting of the District Superintendent, and two others nominated by the District Superintendent and elected by the Conference. It shall be the duty of the District Committee to cooperate with all

reliable reform organizations and to give all possible aid in movements for human betterment. At each session of the Annual Conference an anniversary or mass meeting shall be held, if practicable, in the interest of public morals under the direction of the General Board of the Church.

§ 7. ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of Pastors, with the aid of the Committee on Temperance, to present annually to each congregation the cause of temperance and to ask a public collection and contribution for the support of the same, which collections and contributions shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Temperance and reported to the Annual Conference in the same manner that other benevolences are reported. It shall be the duty of Pastors to see that each Sunday School is organized into a Board of Temperance, that temperance instruction be given, and that, as far as possible, the members of the School and the young people within the reach of the Church shall be pledged to total abstinence. The District Superintendent, at the fourth Quarterly Conference, shall inquire if the requirements of this article have been observed.

CHAPTER XI

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES AND DEACONESS WORK

[When the merger of the General Deaconess Board with the Board of Hospitals and Homes shall be consummated, the Board of Bishops shall appoint

the managers of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work, consisting of three Bishops, eight Ministers and twelve Laymen, two of whom shall be Deaconesses.

When the merger of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board has been consummated as directed by the General Conference under the name of Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work, there shall be committed to the corporation thereby created the work now committed to the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board, excluding Deaconess Training Schools. ¶ 569, § 5 d.]

GENERAL DEACONESS BOARD

[Department of Deaconess Work, see ¶ 569, § 2]

I. General Deaconess Board

¶ 491. *Incorporation and Functions.* § 1. For the promotion of Deaconess work throughout the Church there shall be a Board known as the General Deaconess Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This Board duly incorporated shall, until merged with the Board of Hospitals and Homes, have general supervision of all Deaconess work in the Church and control of all the Deaconesses. The General Deaconess Board shall be composed of twenty-three members, and the Corresponding Secretary, who shall be a member *ex officio*, without vote. The elective members shall be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference and shall in-

clude one-Bishop and at least two Deaconesses. Any vacancy in the Board which may occur during the Quadrennium shall be filled by the Board of Bishops.

§ 2. The General Deaconess Board, on request of the Conference Deaconess Board and the Annual Conference, shall have power to authorize the establishment of a Deaconess institution. Should the proposed institution be a school, authorization shall be given only after approval by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The General Deaconess Board shall satisfy itself that there is need of the proposed institution in the locality designated; that the site selected is suitable for the work intended; that it would not be likely to affect unfavorably any existing institution; that there is good prospect of its adequate support; and that its property, of whatever form, is not unduly encumbered.

§ 3. The General Deaconess Board shall establish a standard for entrance into training schools, provided it shall be equivalent to a high-school course, and shall prescribe the Courses of Study for Deaconesses. It shall have authority to determine and settle all questions arising between institutions and individuals. It shall seek to promote general interest in this work, approve rules for the government of both institutions and Deaconesses, prescribe a distinctive garb for Deaconesses, determine the minimum allowance for active Deaconesses, fix the amount of pension for retired Deaconesses and perform such other service as the work may demand.

¶ 492. *Officers.* § 1. The Board shall elect its own officers.

§ 2. The Board shall elect quadrennially a Corresponding Secretary who shall be its executive officer.

§ 3. A vacancy in any office may be filled temporarily by the Executive Committee.

¶ 493. *Maintenance.* § 1. It shall be the duty of every Pastor to see that his Charge makes an annual contribution for the work of the General Deaconess Board.

§ 2. The means and method of securing and paying this contribution shall be in harmony with the plans of the Church for its Benevolent Boards.

II. Conference Deaconess Board

¶ 494. § 1. In each Annual Conference in which there is Deaconess Work there shall be a Conference Deaconess Board consisting of all the licensed Deaconesses within the Conference, the District Superintendents and four other members of the Conference, and two representatives from the Board of Managers of each Deaconess institution within the bounds of the Conference. The elective members shall be nominated by the District Superintendents and elected by the Annual Conference.

§ 2. The Conference Deaconess Board shall have the oversight of all Deaconess work within the bounds of the Conference. It shall have authority to receive probationers and continue them as probationers; to license Deaconesses and approve annually their standing as Deaconesses; to select associate Deaconesses annually, and to transfer Deaconesses on recommendation of the institutions or forms of administration concerned, the transfer to be consummated only when reported to the General Deaconess Board. It shall encourage and promote Deaconess work within the bounds of the Conference. It shall see that all Charters, Deeds and other conveyances of the prop-

erty of Deaconess institutions conform strictly to the Discipline, and to the laws, usages, and forms of the State or Territory within which such property is situated. It shall see that all property is well insured.

§ 3. The officers of the Conference Deaconess Board shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; each to be elected annually and to assume office with the adjournment of the annual meeting. The President shall preside at all meetings. He shall secure information concerning appointments, certify to the General Deaconess Board answers to the membership questions, and perform such other duties as his office may demand. The duties of the other officers shall be such as are usually performed by such officers.

§ 4. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the officers of the Board, and others if the needs of the work should require. The Executive Committee shall have power to act in the interim of the annual meetings of the Conference Board.

§ 5. The Conference Deaconess Board shall meet annually, preferably at the seat of the Annual Conference, or at a time and place to be fixed by the Conference Deaconess Board in consultation with the General Deaconess Board.

Order of business at annual meeting:

Devotional Service.

Roll Call.

Organization.

Appointment of Committees.

Membership Questions.

1. Has the standing of each Deaconess been approved?

2. Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conference?

3. Who have been transferred, and to what Conference?

4. Who have been received as probationers?

5. Who are the probationers?

a. In studies of the first year.

b. In studies of the second year.

6. Who have been licensed as Deaconesses?

7. Who have been consecrated as Deaconesses?

8. Who have been elected Associate Deaconesses?

9. Who have been reelected Associate Deaconesses?

10. Who have been readmitted?

11. Who are the retired Deaconesses?

12. Who have been granted leave of absence?

13. Who have received honorable discharge?

14. Who have been discontinued?

15. Who have withdrawn?

16. Who have been suspended?

17. Who have been expelled?

18. Who have died?

19. Where are the Deaconesses appointed?

Reports of Committees.

General Business.

Adjournment.

§ 6. The appointment of Deaconesses to their respective fields of labor, or to an institution, shall be made by the Bishop presiding at the Annual Conference upon recommendation of the officers of the form of administration or other organization with which they serve. These appointments should be read by the Bishop.

§ 7. The minutes of the Conference Deaconess

Board shall be reported to the Annual Conference for publication in the Conference minutes.

III. District Supervision

¶ 495. The District Superintendent shall include the Deaconess work on his District as under his care and supervision. He shall make such report and suggestion to the Conference and to the Conference Deaconess Board and to the form of administration concerned as he may deem advisable.

IV. Deaconess Institutions

¶ 496, § 1. A Deaconess institution is a home, school, hospital, or other organization, permanently established, administered by Deaconesses or maintained for the care or education of Deaconesses, or for the promotion of the Deaconess work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

§ 2. No institution for the prosecution or maintenance of any form of Deaconess work shall be recognized as a Deaconess institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church until application for recognition has been made by the Conference Deaconess Board and by the Annual Conference, and authorization given by the General Deaconess Board.

§ 3. All property for Deaconess institutions shall be held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, and this may be done by a corporate body authorized by the General Conference, or by a local Board of Trustees. In whatever name property is held, all deeds of conveyance shall contain the clause, "To be held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church."

§ 4. Training schools duly recognized as Deaconess institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be as free to secure students from the whole Church as are other educational institutions.

§ 5. Each Deaconess institution shall report to the Conference Deaconess Board before the annual meeting such information as may be requested by either the Conference Deaconess Board or the General Deaconess Board.

V. Deaconess Work in Mission Conferences

¶ 497, § 1. In Missions and Mission Conferences in the United States the form and method of Deaconess administration shall be according to such plan as may be arranged by the General Deaconess Board.

§ 2. The relation of each Deaconess assigned to work in Missions and Mission Conferences in the United States shall continue in the form of administration and Conference Deaconess Board from which her assignment is made; to which shall be sent annually a report of her standing.

VI. Deaconess Work in Europe

¶ 498, § 1. All Deaconess work in Europe shall be under the general supervision of the General Deaconess Board and the interested Mission Board.

§ 2. In those parts of Europe where the Deaconess work is legally incorporated with an inspector appointed by the Annual Conference, any of the foregoing provisions not compatible with the articles of such legal corporation shall be inoperative.

VII. Deaconess Work in Foreign Mission Fields

¶ 499, § 1. All Deaconess work in foreign mission fields shall be under the general supervision of the General Deaconess Board and the interested Foreign Mission Board.

§ 2. For the administration of Deaconess work in foreign mission fields there shall be a Commission of Deaconess Work composed of a Bishop and four other members—two at large and two from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

§ 3. The Commission of Deaconess Work shall be named by the Resident Bishop having jurisdiction in the field where the Deaconess work is conducted.

§ 4. Any vacancy in the Commission on Deaconess Work may be filled by the Bishop having jurisdiction in the field where the vacancy occurs.

BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES

[Department of Hospitals and Homes,
see ¶ 569, § 2]

¶ 500. ARTICLE I. *Organization and Purpose.* For the promotion and general supervision of an advisory character for all hospitals, homes, or other organizations and institutions for the care of the sick, incurables, other dependents, and child welfare work, there shall be a Board known as the Board of Hospitals and Homes, incorporated according to law and subject to the control of the General Conference.

¶ 501. ARTICLE II. *Affiliation.* All institutions or organizations seeking to affiliate with this Board

must have the indorsement of the Annual Conference within whose bounds they are located. Institutions or organizations of similar character operating under other Boards seeking affiliation with this Board, must secure the consent of their Board, the recommendation of the Annual Conference within whose bounds they operate and the approval of this Board.

¶ 502. ARTICLE III. *Government.* § 1. The management, until merged with the General Deaconess Board, shall vest in a Board which shall consist of twenty-three members, including one Bishop appointed by the Board of Bishops who shall be President of the Board. The additional members shall be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. The term of office shall be one Quadrennium.

¶ 503. ARTICLE IV. *Officers.* § 1. The officers of the Board shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers and agents as the Board from time to time may determine.

§ 2. The Corresponding Secretary shall be elected quadrennially by the Board subject to confirmation by the Board of Bishops. He shall in all his official conduct be subject to the authority and control of the Board, by which his salary shall be fixed and paid. His time shall be employed in promoting its general interests by traveling or otherwise.

§ 3. Any vacancy in this office, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board until the next succeeding General Conference.

¶ 504. ARTICLE V. *Meetings.* § 1. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as it may determine and such special meetings as may from time to time be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Nine members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 2. The Board shall also appoint an Executive Committee of such number as it may determine, and may commit to said Committee such business or confer upon it such powers as are not inconsistent with the Charter or this Constitution.

¶ 505. ARTICLE VI. *Activities.* § 1. This Board shall sustain an advisory relation to, but shall not provide direct supervision over institutions or organizations within its jurisdiction except when specifically requested.

§ 2. It may make surveys, disseminate information, suggest plans for securing funds, maintain a bureau for the purpose of securing experts in all lines of work, provide architectural data, and render assistance in the promotion and establishment of new institutions. It shall encourage and assist all institutions within its jurisdiction in attaining the highest possible standards. This Board may administer any and all funds vested in it for general or specific purposes and shall have power in cooperation with the other benevolent boards, and in the same manner, to secure special funds to carry out and execute its purposes.

§ 3. Each Annual Conference shall form within its bounds a Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, which shall elect its own officers, and shall exercise under the General Board such authority within the bounds of the Annual Conference as is necessary to

promote the interests of the Hospitals and Homes within the boundaries of said Annual Conference.

¶ 506. ARTICLE VII. *Finance.* At the annual meeting the Board shall prepare a budget of administrative expense of the Board, and shall submit the same to the World Service Commission for its consideration in determining what shall be the askings for hospitals and homes.

¶ 507. ARTICLE VIII. *By-Laws.* This Board may from time to time adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs not inconsistent with the Charter or Constitution.

¶ 508. ARTICLE IX. *Amendments.* This Constitution may be amended by the Board with the approval of the General Conference.

CHAPTER XII

CHARTERED FUND

¶ 509, § 1. To make further provision for distressed Effective Ministers, for the families of Effective Ministers, for Retired Ministers, and for the widows and orphans of Ministers, there shall be a Chartered Fund, to be supported by voluntary contributions; the principal of which shall be funded under the direction of Trustees chosen by the General Conference, and the interest applied under the direction of the General Conference, according to the following regulations, namely:

§ 2. The District Superintendents and the Pastors shall be collectors and receivers of subscriptions for this Fund.

§ 3. The money shall be sent to the General Publishing Agents, who shall pay it to the Trustees of the Fund. Otherwise it shall be brought to the ensuing Annual Conference.

§ 4. The interest shall be divided into as many equal parts as there are Annual Conferences, and each Annual Conference shall have authority to draw one of these parts out of the Fund; and if one or more Conferences shall draw out of this Fund in any given year less than one of these parts, then in such case or cases the other Annual Conferences, held in the same year, shall have authority, if they judge it necessary, to draw out of the Fund such surplus of the interest as has not been applied by the former Conferences. The Bishops shall bring the necessary information of the state of the interest of the Fund, respecting the year in question, from Conference to Conference.

§ 5. All drafts on the Chartered Fund shall be made on the Treasurer of the said Fund, by order of the Annual Conference, signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary of the said Conference.

§ 6. The money subscribed for the Chartered Fund may be lodged, on proper securities, in the respective Countries or States in which it has been subscribed under the direction of deputies living in such Countries or States respectively; provided, that such securities be accepted and such deputies be appointed as shall be approved by the Trustees in Philadelphia, and the stock in which it is proposed to invest the

money be sufficiently productive to give satisfaction to the Trustees.

¶ 510. The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, subject, however, to the approval of the first General Conference that may be held after such vacancy or vacancies shall have occurred.

PART VIII
BOUNDARIES

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MISSION CONFERENCES, MISSIONS, AND
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- III. CENTRAL CONFERENCES**

CHAPTER I

DETERMINING BOUNDARIES¹

¶ 511, § 1. The General Conference shall appoint a Committee on Boundaries, consisting of two members, one Minister and one Layman, from each Annual Conference, to be nominated by the delegations severally, over which one of the Bishops shall preside, of which one of the General Conference Secretaries shall be the Secretary, and of which Committee thirty-five shall be a quorum. All matters pertaining to the Conference and Mission lines shall be referred to this Committee; and when the Committee shall have fixed the boundaries of all the Conferences and Missions, it shall submit its report to the General Conference, which shall immediately act upon the same as a whole without amendment and without debate; provided, however, that in accordance with the provisions of ¶¶ 95, § 2 (12) and 95A, § 2 (10), Central Conferences and Central Mission Conferences may fix the boundaries of the Annual Conferences and Missions within their bounds, the General Conference first having determined the number of Annual Conferences that may be allowed in that field.

§ 2. Any two or more Conferences or Missions which may be mutually interested in the readjustment of their common boundaries, may at any time

¹ See ¶ 523 (2).

raise a Joint Commission, consisting of five members from each Conference or Mission directly interested; and the decision of such Joint Commission, in which it shall be necessary for a majority of the five members representing each of said Conferences or Missions to concur, when it shall be approved by the Bishop or Bishops who may preside at these Conferences or Missions at their sessions next ensuing, shall be final. The boundaries thus established shall be reported immediately by the Chairman of the Joint Commission to the Secretary of the General Conference, together with a copy of the proceedings of the Joint Commission: provided, however, that the Conference or Mission desiring the readjustment of their common boundaries, may bring the matter directly to the General Conference by means of memorials concerning such readjustment.

§ 3. No division or absorption of Annual Conferences or Mission Conferences, or the organization of new Annual Conferences, out of the territory already occupied by organized Conferences, shall be effected until the General Conference shall have approved such division, absorption, or organization; except in the case of Central Conferences and Central Mission Conferences as provided for in ¶¶ 95, § 2 (12) and 95A, § 2 (10); and foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, Missions, Churches, or Mission Centers in the United States, being merged with or transferred into English-speaking or other Conferences.

§ 4. No petition, resolution, or memorial involving readjustment of boundaries of Annual Conferences, or Mission Conferences or Missions, or the division or absorption of Annual Conferences or Mission Con-

ferences, or Missions or the organization of new Annual Conferences or Mission Conferences or Missions out of the territory already occupied by organized Conferences, shall be entertained by the Committee on Boundaries until legal notice¹ shall have been given by the Secretary of the Annual Conference or Conferences, the Mission Conference or Missions desiring such change, or by a majority of the District Superintendents and Mission Superintendents thereof to the Secretaries of all the Annual Conferences and Mission Conferences or Missions affected thereby; provided, however, that upon a petition of a majority of the delegates representing the Annual Conference or Conferences to be affected thereby, the Committee on Boundaries may adjust the matters involved in such petition, subject to the approval of all the Annual and Mission Conferences or Missions named in such petition at their annual sessions next succeeding the General Conference.

CHAPTER II

BOUNDARIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES, MISSION CONFERENCES, MISSIONS, AND ENABLING ACTS

I. Africa

¶ 512, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

LIBERIA CONFERENCE shall include the western coast of Africa north of the equator.

¹ See Appendix, ¶ 606.

¶ 513 BOUNDARIES OF CONFERENCES, ETC.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) CONGO MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the work in the Belgian Congo.

(2) RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include work in Rhodesia and in that portion of Portuguese East Africa north of the Sabi River.

(3) SOUTHEAST AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the work south of the Sabi River in East Africa.

(4) ANGOLA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the work in West Africa south of the equator.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts*

(1) *Liberia Conference*, during the next quadrennium, may divide and form the Kru Coast Conference under the usual Disciplinary conditions, with bounds as follows: extending from Sanquin on the north to the French boundary on the south, including the interior from the beach back to the boundary line of the Republic of Liberia.

(2) *Rhodesia Mission Conference*, during the next quadrennium, may organize as an Annual Conference subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

II. Eastern Asia

¶ 513, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) CENTRAL CHINA CONFERENCE shall include Central China, with its central station at the city of Nanking, on the Yang-tse River, excluding the Ki-angsi Annual Conference.

(2) CHENG TU WEST CHINA CONFERENCE shall in-

clude the counties: Chengtu, Whayang, Gintang, Jienyang, Tsiyang, Tsichung, Meikang, Lochi, Anyoh, and Chungkiang.

(3) CHUNGKING WEST CHINA CONFERENCE shall include the following counties: Bahsien, Kiangpeh, Pishan, Yungchwan, Jungchang, Lungchang, Hochwan, Wusheng, Tunknan and Suining.

(4) FOOCHOW CONFERENCE shall include the Fukien Province in China, excepting so much as is included within the Hinghua Conference, and the Yenping Conference.

(5) HINGHUA CONFERENCE shall include the counties of Putien and Sienyu and the adjoining territory where the Hinghua dialect is spoken.

(6) KIANGSI CONFERENCE shall include the Province of Kiangsi and that portion of the Anhwei Province west of a line drawn north and south through the west wall of the city of Anking, the capital of the province, and also the Hwangmei County in Hupeh Province.

(7) KOREA CONFERENCE shall include Korea.

(8) NORTH CHINA CONFERENCE shall include that portion of the Chinese Republic including the southern part of the Province of Fengtien and the northern part of the Province of Chili and the northern parts of the Provinces of Shantung and Honan.

(9) YENPING CONFERENCE shall include the Yenping Prefecture and the Kweihwa County of the Tingchow Prefecture, all territory being in the Fukien Province.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) SOUTH FUKIEN MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the counties of Yungchun, Tehwa and Tatien.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts*

(1) *The North China Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, by a two-thirds vote and with Episcopal consent, may organize the Shantung Conference in the province of Shantung.

(2) *The South Fukien Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may organize as an Annual Conference, subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

§ 4. *Councils*

(1) *Japan Mission Council* shall include our work among the Japanese in the Japanese empire.

III. Europe

¶ 514, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) DENMARK CONFERENCE shall include the Kingdom of Denmark.

(2) FINLAND CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Finland.

(3) ITALY CONFERENCE shall include the Kingdom of Italy, and those parts of contiguous countries in which the Italian language is spoken.

(4) NORTH GERMANY CONFERENCE shall include all that part of Germany north of a line running from the northwest to the southwest, between the Provinces of the Rhine and Westphalia, and from the southern point of Westphalia to the northern point of Bavaria; thence by the north and northeast boundary of Bavaria, between Bavaria on the one side and the Turingen States and that of Saxony

on the other, so as to include the present districts of Berlin, Bremen, and Leipzig and the Circuit of Cassel.

(5) NORWAY CONFERENCE shall include the Kingdom of Norway.

(6) SOUTH GERMANY CONFERENCE shall include all of Germany not included in the North Germany Conference.

(7) SWEDEN CONFERENCE shall include the Kingdom of Sweden.

(8) SWITZERLAND CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Switzerland except the work among the Italian-speaking people.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) AUSTRIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Austria.

(2) BALTIC MISSION shall include the Baltic and Slavic Republics contiguous to Russia.

(3) BULGARIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Bulgaria.

(4) FINLAND SWEDISH MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Swedish work in Finland.

(5) FRANCE MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of France.

(6) HUNGARY MISSION shall include Hungary.

(7) JUGO-SLAVIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the work in Jugo-Slavia.

(8) NORTH AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the work in North Africa.

(9) RUSSIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Russia.

(10) SPAIN MISSION shall include the work in Spain.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts.*

(1) *Baltic Mission*, during the next Quadrennium may organize as a Mission Conference under the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(2) *Bulgaria Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to organize as an Annual Conference, subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(3) *Finland Swedish Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to organize as an Annual Conference by whatever name may be chosen, the action being subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(4) *France Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to organize as an Annual Conference, subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(5) *Hungary Mission*, during the next Quadrennium, may organize as a Mission Conference under the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(6) *North Africa Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may by a majority vote of its members present and voting, organize the Madeira Islands as a Mission, the Bishop in charge concurring.

(7) *North Africa Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, by a vote of a majority of the members present and voting with the concurrence of the Bishop presiding, may be organized into an Annual Conference.

(8) *North Germany Annual Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to divide into two or three Annual Conferences by a majority vote of

its members present and voting and with the concurrence of the Bishop or Bishops presiding, or in conjunction with South Germany Conference, may divide into five Annual Conferences.

(9) *South Germany Annual Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to divide into two Annual Conferences on a majority vote of its members present and voting and with the concurrence of the Bishop or Bishops presiding, or in conjunction with North Germany Conference, may divide into five Annual Conferences.

(10) *Russia Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may organize as an Annual Conference under the usual Disciplinary requirements.

(11) Should the Conferences in Europe desire to organize during the Quadrennium more than one Central Conference, authority to do so is hereby given when the necessary action of the Conferences involved shall have been taken and the Bishops resident in Europe shall have approved.

IV. Latin America

¶ 515, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) CHILE CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Chile.

(2) EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA CONFERENCE shall include the republics of Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil.

(3) MEXICO CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Mexico, except the States of Chihuahua and Sonora

and the territory of Lower California; it shall also include Central America, except Costa Rica.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) BOLIVIA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Republic of Bolivia.

(2) CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSION shall include Panama and Costa Rica.

(3) NORTH ANDES MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Peru and Ecuador and all parts of South America not included in other organized Conferences and Missions.

V. Southeastern Asia

¶ 516, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) MALAYA CONFERENCE shall include the Straits Settlements, the Malayan Peninsula, French Indo-China, and such adjacent islands or portions thereof, including Borneo, as are under British government or protection.

(2) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CONFERENCE shall include the Philippine Archipelago and the Sulu Islands.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) NETHERLANDS INDIES MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Islands of Java, Sumatra, and such adjacent islands or portions thereof (including Borneo) as are not under British government or protection.

(2) NORTH SUMATRA MISSION—Boundaries not given.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts.*

(1) *Netherlands Indies Mission Conference, dur-*

ing the next Quadrennium, by a vote of the majority of the members present and voting, and with the concurrence of the Bishop presiding, may be organized into an Annual Conference.

(2) *Philippine Islands Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may divide into two Conferences to be known as the Philippine Islands Conference and the Philippine Islands North Conference, the section from Manila to the Ilocano towns to constitute the former and all that territory north of said line to constitute the latter. This action is subject to the usual Disciplinary requirements.

(3) *North Sumatra Mission*, during the next Quadrennium, may organize as a Mission Conference, provided it fulfill the Disciplinary requirements.

(4) *West Borneo*, during the next Quadrennium, by a vote of the majority of the members of the Netherlands Indies Mission Conference present and voting and with the concurrence of the Bishop presiding, may be organized into a Mission, with such name as may be adopted and with boundaries to be named at the Southeastern Asia Central Conference.

VI. Southern Asia

¶ 517, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) BENGAL CONFERENCE shall include Bengal and Assam, and so much of Bihar and Orissa as do not lie within the bounds of the Lucknow Conference.

(2) BOMBAY CONFERENCE shall include that part of the Bombay Presidency embraced in the city and island of Bombay; that part of the civil districts of

Thana, Nasik, West Khandesh and East Khandesh which lies south of a straight line drawn from Dahanu on the Arabian Sea Coast northeasterly through Amalner to the Tapti River, and then east along said River to the eastern boundary of the Bombay Presidency; the civil districts of Poona Ahmednagar, Kolaba, Ratnagiri, Satara and Sholapur; together with the Native States lying within these districts, south of the line above named and of the civil districts of Belgaum and Bijapur, and including Akalkot State. Also that part of Berar which lies south of the Gawalgarh Gange, and such part of the Central Provinces as is included in the civil districts of Wardha, Nagour and Bhandara and that part of Chanda civil district which lies north of parallel $19^{\circ} 45'$ north latitude. Also that part of the Nizam's Dominions included in the civil districts of Aurangabad, Bhir, Osmanabad, Parabaini and Nanded; that part of Adilabad civil district which lies north of parallel $19^{\circ} 45'$ north latitude and west of the proposed Changa-Warangal Railway; and that part of the Bidar civil district through the towns of Kanlas, Miraj Buzurg and Mlanga to the southwestern corner, leaving Kanlas and Miraj Buzurg in South India Conference, and Mlanga in Bombay Conference.

(3) CENTRAL PROVINCES CONFERENCE shall include all of the Central Provinces and the Feudatory States under the supervision of the Central Provinces Government except that portion of Berar south of the Gawalgarh Hills and Wardha, Nagpur, Bhandara and Chanda Civil Districts; it shall include also such portions of the Central India Agency as lie south of the twenty-fifth parallel of north latitude and east of the seventy-sixth meridian of east longitude.

(4) **GUJARAT CONFERENCE** shall include Gujarat and all territory which is bounded on the north by the twenty-fifth meridian of latitude proceeding westward to the boundary of Sindh and eastward to the seventy-fifth meridian of longitude, thence south to the bounds of the Bombay Conference, following that boundary westward to the sea.

(5) **LUCKNOW CONFERENCE** shall include such parts of the Presidency of Agra and Oudh, as are not included in the North India Conference and the Northwest India Conference, the dividing line to the north and east of the Ganges to be the boundaries of the Unao, Lucknow and Barabanki civil district, leaving these districts in the Lucknow Conference; to the south and west of the Ganges the boundary is to be a straight line from Farakhabad through Etawah to the border of the Gwalior State, said state to fall within the bounds of the Northwest India Conference; also Champaran, Saran, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Gaya, Dharbhanga, Monghyr, and Bhagalpur civil districts of Bihar, and such parts of the Shahabad civil district of Bihar as are not included in the Bhabua Mission.

(6) **NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE** shall include all those parts of the Presidency of Agra and Oudh that lie between the Gogra and the Ganges Rivers, and north of the civil districts of Unao, Lucknow and Barabanki.

(7) **NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE** shall include the Province of Delhi; such parts of the Presidency of Agra and Oudh as lie west and southwest of the Ganges River and do not fall within the boundaries of the Lucknow Conference; such parts of the Rajputana and Central India Agencies as lie north of the twenty-fifth parallel of latitude and east of the

seventy-sixth meridian of longitude; and such part of the Punjab as lies to the south and east of the Patiala State from the point where the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude touches its southern boundary line.

(8) SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE shall include all that part of India which lies to the south of the Bengal Conference, the Bombay Conference, and the Central Provinces Conference.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) BHABUA MISSION shall include the Bhabua subdivision of Bihar.

(2) BURMA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Burma.

(3) INDUS RIVER MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Baluchistan; the Province of Sindh; such other parts of the Bombay Presidency as lie north of the twenty-fifth degree of latitude; such parts of the Rajputana and Central India Agencies as lie to the north of the twenty-fifth degree of latitude and west of the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude; and all of the Punjab save the portion which lies to the east and south of the southeastern boundary of the Patiala State from the point where it is intersected by the seventy-sixth meridian of longitude.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts*

(1) *Burma Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to organize as an Annual Conference, subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(2) *Central Conference of Southern Asia*, during the next Quadrennium, may organize the Bhabua

Field in the Shahabad District of Bihar into a Mission.

(3) *Indus River Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium is authorized to organize as an Annual Conference, subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(4) *South India Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may, on a majority vote of the members present and voting and with the concurrence of the Bishop presiding, divide into two Conferences with such names and boundaries as may then be adopted.

VII. United States and Territories

¶ 518, § 1. *Annual Conferences*

(1) ALABAMA CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in the State of Alabama and in part of the State of Florida west of the Apalachicola River; and also the work among the white people within the territory of the Upper Mississippi Conference.

(2) ATLANTA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in that part of the State of Georgia not included in the Savannah Conference.

(3) BALTIMORE CONFERENCE shall include the District of Columbia, the western shore of Maryland (except that part of Garrett County lying west of the dividing ridge of the Alleghany Mountains, Grantsville, Swanton, Bayard, Blaine, and Gormanian); so much of the State of Pennsylvania as lies within Hancock, Flintstone, Union Grove, and Hyndman Circuits; the counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, Mineral, and Grant in the State of

West Virginia; and that part of the State of Virginia lying between the Wilmington and West Virginia Conferences.

(4) BLUE RIDGE-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in the State of North Carolina, and in the counties of Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Greenville, Southampton, Nansemond, Norfolk, and Princess Anne in the State of Virginia; and in the counties of Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, York, Chester, Union, Anderson, Laurens, Abbeville, Newberry, and Fairfield in the State of South Carolina.

(5) CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of California and all that part of the State of Nevada lying north of the northern boundary of the Southern California Conference.

(6) CALIFORNIA GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work within the State of California.

(7) CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of Alabama and in that part of Florida west of the Apalachicola River.

(8) CENTRAL GERMAN CONFERENCE shall comprise the German work within the States of Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, and Indiana except those appointments which belong at present to the Chicago German Conference; also the German work in western Pennsylvania, and in the Southern States not included in the East German, Saint Louis German, and Southern Conferences, exclusive of Emmanuel Church, Williams County, Ohio.

(9) CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE shall embrace that part of the State of Illinois north of the Illinois Conference and south of the following lines, namely: beginning on the Mississippi River at

Albany; thence southeasterly to the northwest corner of Bureau County; thence east to the southwest corner of Lee County; thence south to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway crossing of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway; thence along said railway to Bureau Junction; thence to the Illinois River; thence up said river to the mouth of the Kankakee River (leaving Albany, Leon, and Ottawa in the Rock River Conference, and Bureau Junction in the Central Illinois Conference); thence up the Kankakee River to a point directly west of the north line of Kankakee County; thence east to the Indiana line.

(10) CENTRAL MISSOURI CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the States of Missouri, Iowa, and that part of the State of Illinois lying west of the following line: Beginning at the city of Cairo, and running north along the Illinois Central Railroad to the city of Mendota, and including all the towns on said line of railroad; thence north to the Wisconsin State line, and thence west along said State line to the Mississippi River and all the colored work in North and South Dakota and Montana.

(11) CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the west by the west lines of the towns of Williamson, Marion and Palmyra, in Wayne County, and of the towns of Farmington and Canandaigua, in Ontario County, and of Yates and Schuyler Counties, and of the towns of Hornby and Caton, in Steuben County; and in the State of Pennsylvania by the railroad running from Lawrenceville to Blossburg, including Mansfield and Blossburg Charges; on the south by Central Pennsylvania Conference; on the east by Wyoming and Northern New

York Conferences; on the north by Northern New York Conference and Lake Ontario.

(12) CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE shall be bounded as follows: On the south by the State line from the Susquehanna River to the west boundary of Bedford County, excepting so much of the State of Pennsylvania as is included in the Baltimore Conference; on the west by the west line of the counties of Bedford, Blair, that part of Cambria County not included in the Pittsburgh Conference, namely: Patton, Bakerton, and Barnesboro, including Cherry Tree and Glen Campbell and Smithport in Indiana County, Clearfield County, north to Saint Marys, excepting so much of Clearfield County as is embraced in the Erie Conference; on the north by a line extending from Saint Marys eastward to Emporium, including Keating Summit Circuit; thence by the southern boundary of Potter and Tioga Counties, including Austin, Costello, Wharton Circuit, Cross Fork, Hammersley Fort Circuit, Morris, Blackwell, and Liberty Valley Circuits; thence through Sullivan County north of Laporte to the west line of Wyoming County; thence on the east by the present limits of the Wyoming Conference, being the east line of Sullivan County, to the north line of Columbia County; thence a line southeasterly through Luzerne County to the north line of the Philadelphia Conference, near White Haven; thence on the south by the northern line of Carbon, Schuylkill, and Dauphin Counties to the Susquehanna River, including Hickory Run, Weatherly, Beaver Meadows, and Ashland; and thence by the Susquehanna River to the place of beginning, including Harrisburg and that additional part of Dauphin County east from the

city limits on the north to and including Paxtonia, thence southward to Rutherford, thence west to the city of Harrisburg.

(13) CENTRAL SWEDISH CONFERENCE shall include all the Swedish work within the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, the city of Racine in the State of Wisconsin, and also the Swedish work in the State of New York west of the Genesee River, and in the State of Pennsylvania west of the Susquehanna River.

(14) CENTRAL TENNESSEE CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in all that part of the State of Tennessee west of and excluding the counties of Marion, Grundy, Van Buren, Cumberland, and Fentress.

(15) CHICAGO GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work in the State of Wisconsin, except those appointments along the Mississippi River, and in that part of the State of Illinois north of an east and west line passing along the north line of the city of Bloomington, excepting the territory now in the Saint Louis German Conference, and east of a north and south line passing through the city of Freeport; and in that part of the State of Indiana west of the line between the Counties of Saint Joseph and Elkhart, and north of the line between Stark and Pulaski Counties. It shall also include Danville, in the State of Illinois, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

(16) COLORADO CONFERENCE shall include the State of Colorado and Chama in New Mexico.

(17) COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE shall include all of the work in the State of Washington east of

the summit of the Cascade Mountains except Appleton, Goldendale and White Salmon in Klickitat County; and in the State of Idaho, the Counties of Shoshone, Kootenai, Beneway, Bonner, Boundary, Latah, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lewis, and that part of Idaho County lying north of a line running parallel with the Salmon River, ten miles south of said river; and in Oregon, Milton and Sunnyside (otherwise known as Roher Memorial) Charges.

(18) DAKOTA CONFERENCE shall include the State of South Dakota.

(19) DELAWARE CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and New York, excepting the colored work in the Boroughs of the Bronx and Manhattan in the City of New York; all of the eastern shore of Virginia, and all of the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania not included in the Washington Conference.

(20) DES MOINES CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Iowa west and south of the following lines: Beginning at the southeast corner of Wayne County; thence north to the south line of Marshall County, leaving Knoxville in the Iowa Conference and the Monroe Charge in the Des Moines Conference; thence west to the southeast corner of Story County; thence north to the northeast corner of Story County; thence west to the northeast corner of Crawford County; thence south to the north line of township eighty-three; thence west to the east line of Monona County; thence south and west on the line of Monona County to the Missouri River.

(21) DETROIT CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Michigan in the Lower Peninsula east of the principal meridian as far north as the

southern boundary of Roscommon County; thence west to the southwest corner of said County; thence north to the southern boundary of Charlevoix County; thence east to the southeast corner of Charlevoix County; thence north to the Straits of Mackinaw including Mackinaw City. It shall also include the Upper Peninsula.

(22) EAST GERMAN CONFERENCE shall embrace all the German work east of the Alleghany Mountains including all the German work in the State of New York.

(23) EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in that part of the State of Tennessee which is not in the Tennessee Conference; in that part of the State of Virginia west of and including the counties of Carroll, Floyd, Montgomery, and Giles; and in the counties of Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, and Raleigh in the State of West Virginia; and the counties of Whitley, Knox, Bell, and Harlan in the State of Kentucky.

(24) EASTERN SWEDISH CONFERENCE shall include all the Swedish work in the six New England States, the States of New Jersey and Delaware, and the territory included in the New York, New York East, and Philadelphia Conferences.

(25) ERIE CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north by Lake Erie; on the east by a line commencing at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek; thence up said creek to Gowanda, leaving said town in the Genesee Conference; thence to the Alleghany River at the mouth of the Tunungwant Creek; thence up said creek southward, excluding the city of Bradford on said creek to the ridge dividing between the waters of Clarion and Sinnemahoning Creeks; thence

southward to Mahoning Creek; thence down said creek to the Allegheny River, excluding the Milton Society, but including Valier and the Horatio Society, in the Grace Church, Punxsutawney Charge, and Hamilton in the Valier Charge, the Putneyville Society in the Putneyville Circuit, and that portion of the borough of Punxsutawney lying south and east of Mahoning Creek; thence across said river in a northwesterly direction to the southwest corner of Lawrence County, including Wampum; thence along the Ohio State line to the place of beginning, excluding Orangeville Church.

(26) FLORIDA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of Florida except that part lying west of the Apalachicola River, and that part south of parallel twenty-nine.

(27) GENESEE CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of New York lying west of the Central New York Conference except that part of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties which is now included in the Erie Conference. It shall also include Gowanda and Corning, in the State of New York, and so much of Tioga County, including Tioga Charge, in the State of Pennsylvania, as is not embraced in the Central New York Conference; also so much of Potter County, in the State of Pennsylvania, as is not included in Central Pennsylvania Conference; also including so much of McKean County, in the State of Pennsylvania, as is embraced in the Olean District, including the city of Bradford; also the Norwegian and Danish work in the city of Buffalo.

(28) GEORGIA CONFERENCE shall include work among the white people in the State of Georgia.

(29) GULF CONFERENCE shall include the white English, Italian, and French-speaking work in the State of Louisiana; also that portion of the State of Texas separated from the Oklahoma Conference by a line beginning at the City of Brownsville, Texas, running northwest along the Rio Grande River to Devil's River, a point on the Southern Pacific Railroad; thence east along the Southern Pacific Railroad to San Antonio; thence northeast along the International & Great Northern Railroad through the city of Austin to Hearne; thence north along the Houston & Texas Railroad to Ennis; thence northeast along the Texas Midland and the Frisco Railroads to the Red River, all intermediate points to be in the Gulf Conference; also the work among the white people within the territory of the Mississippi Conference.

(30) HOLSTON CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in that part of the State of Tennessee not included in the Central Tennessee Conference; and including that part of the State of Virginia embraced between the West Virginia and Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conferences.

(31) INTER-MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE shall include all the State of Idaho not embraced in the Columbia River Conference, together with the following named territory of the State of Oregon; namely, the counties of Baker, Malheur, Harney, Grant, Wallowa, and Union.

(32) ILLINOIS CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Illinois not within the Southern Illinois Conference, south of the following line, namely: Beginning at Warsaw, on the Mississippi River, thence to Vermont; thence to the mouth of the Spoon

River; thence up the Illinois River to the northwest corner of Mason County; thence to the junction of the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Alton railroads; thence to the southwest corner of Iroquois County; thence east to the State of Indiana, leaving Bentley, Vermont, Manito, Mackinaw Circuit, and Normal in the Central Illinois Conference, and Warsaw and Bloomington in the Illinois Conference.

(33) INDIANA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north and east by a line beginning where the National Road intersects the west line of the State of Indiana; thence along said road to Terre Haute; thence along the Vandalia Railroad to Maywood Road, West Indianapolis; thence north on Maywood Road and Tibbs Avenue to West Tenth Street and thence east to the LaFayette and Indianapolis Railroad; thence north on said railroad to the Michigan Road, thence on said road to the north line of Marion County; thence east on said county line to the northeast corner of said county; thence south on the east line of said county to the National Road; thence east on said road to State line; on the east by the State of Ohio, including Elizabeth, Hamilton County, Ohio; on the south by the Ohio River, and on the west by the State of Illinois.

(34) IOWA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the east by the Mississippi River; on the south by the Missouri State line; on the west and north by a line commencing at the southwest corner of Appanoose County; thence north to Marshall County, leaving Knoxville in the Iowa Conference and Monroe in the Des Moines Conference; thence on the south line of Marshall County due east to the Iowa River; thence down said river to Iowa City; thence on the

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to Davenport, leaving Davenport and Iowa City in the Upper Iowa Conference, and all intermediate towns in the Iowa Conference.

(35) KANSAS CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Kansas lying east of a line traversing the west boundary of Chautauqua, Elk, and Greenwood Counties; thence along the south and west boundary of Chase County to the south and west border of Morris County to the south boundary of Dickinson County; thence west to the sixth principal meridian; thence north to the Nebraska State line; excepting the Solomon City Circuit lying east of said line.

(36) KENTUCKY CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in the State of Kentucky.

(37) LEXINGTON CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the States of Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin and Minnesota, excepting so much of the State of Illinois as is included in the Central Missouri Conference, and excepting Whitley, Knox, Bell, and Harlan Counties in Kentucky.

(38) LINCOLN CONFERENCE shall include all the work among the colored people in the States of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

(39) LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of Arkansas.

(40) LOUISIANA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of Louisiana.

(41) MAINE CONFERENCE shall include the State of Maine, and also that part of New Hampshire east of the White Hills and north of the waters of Ossipee Lake, and the towns of Gorham and Berlin.

(42) MICHIGAN CONFERENCE shall include the State of Michigan in the lower peninsula west of the principal meridian as far north as the southern boundary of Roscommon County; thence west to the southwest corner of said county; thence north to the southern boundary of Charlevoix County; thence east to the southeast corner of said county; thence north to the Straits of Mackinaw.

(43) MINNESOTA CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Minnesota lying south of the following line: Beginning at the eastern boundary of the State at the northeast corner of Washington County; thence running west to the northwest corner of said county; thence south to the northeast corner of Ramsey County; thence following the line of Ramsey County to where it strikes the east line of Hennepin County; thence following the east and south lines of Hennepin County to the point where the Hastings & Dakota Railroad crosses the line of said county; thence following the line of the Hastings & Dakota Railroad to Ortnville; all towns on the Hastings & Dakota Railroad to be in the Northern Minnesota Conference. It shall also include the former Northern German Conference; the charges lying outside the boundaries of the Minnesota Conference are to be transferred to the respective Conferences within whose boundaries they lie.

(44) MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE shall include all the colored work in the State of Mississippi south of a line beginning at the northeast corner of Kemper County, and running along the northern border of said county, and of the counties of Neshoba, Leake, Madison, Yazoo, Sharkey, and Issaquena to the Mississippi River.

(45) MISSOURI CONFERENCE shall include so much of the State of Missouri as lies north of the Missouri River.

(46) MONTANA STATE CONFERENCE shall include all the State of Montana.

(47) NEBRASKA CONFERENCE shall include all the State of Nebraska except that contained in the Northwest Nebraska Conference.

(48) NEWARK CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of New Jersey not included in the New Jersey Conference, with the Borough of Richmond, City of New York, in the State of New York, and such portions of Rockland, Orange, and Sullivan Counties, in the State of New York, as lie south and west of a line extending from Tompkins Cove, on the Hudson River, intersecting the New Jersey State line at a point south of Sloatsburg; thence along said State line to the Wallkill River; thence due north, intersecting the Erie Railroad at a point west of Middletown; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point where the Port Jervis & Monticello Railroad crosses the northern line of Forestburg township, in Sullivan County; thence southwest to a point on the Delaware River below Lackawaxen, in Pennsylvania; also such portions of Pike and Monroe Counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, as lie north of the Philadelphia Conference and east of the Wyoming Conference, the same being now included in the Matamoras, Milford, Dingmans, and Coolbaugh Charges.

(49) NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE shall include all the State of Massachusetts east of the Green Mountains not included in the New Hampshire and the New England Southern Conferences.

(50) NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Connecticut lying east of the Connecticut River, the State of Rhode Island, with the town of Blackstone, in Massachusetts, and that part of the State of Massachusetts south of the towns of Wrentham, Walpole, Dedham, Milton, and Quincy.

(51) NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE shall include the State of New Hampshire, except that part within the Maine Conference; also that part of the State of Massachusetts northeast of the Merrimac River except that part of Lowell north of the Merrimac.

(52) NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of New Jersey, lying south of the following line, namely: Commencing at Raritan Bay thence up said bay and river to New Brunswick, at a point opposite the easterly boundary of the Borough of Highland Park, thence along the easterly, northerly, and westerly boundaries of said borough respectively, to the Raritan River, thence along the Raritan River to the westerly limits of the city of New Brunswick, thence southwest in a straight line to Lambertville on the Delaware River, including the city of New Brunswick, the Borough of Highland Park, and Lambertville Station.

(53) NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE shall include the State of New Mexico excepting Chama; also the county of El Paso in the State of Texas and the State of Chihuahua in the Republic of Mexico; it shall also include the work among the Spanish-speaking people in the States of New Mexico, Arizona, east of meridian 112 degrees west longitude, and Colorado, El Paso, Texas, and the States of Chihuahua and Sonora in the republic of Mexico.

(54) NEW YORK CONFERENCE shall consist of the territory now in the New York, Poughkeepsie, Newburg, and Kingston District, and including Five Points Mission.

(55) NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE shall include Long Island; those Charges in Manhattan and Bronx east of South Ferry, Whitehall Street, Broadway, Park Row, Chatham Square, Bowery, Third Avenue to Pelham Avenue; west to the Harlem Railroad track; north to Mount Vernon; thence including Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Harrison, and all between them and Long Island Sound to the State of Connecticut; thence following the State line, including Pound Ridge, to Sharon township; east to the Housatonic River; north to Canaan township; east to Winchester, excluding North Goshen; north to State line; east to the Connecticut River, and following the river to the Sound, and also excepting Five Points Mission.

(56) NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of North Carolina and in that part of the State of Virginia lying south of a line beginning at Cape Henry and running to Hampton Roads; thence with Hampton Roads to the James River; thence with the southern bank of the James River to Chesterfield County; thence with the northern boundary of the following counties: Prince George, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Halifax, to the northeast corner of Pittsylvania; thence in a southerly direction to the northeast corner of Henry; thence with the county lines of Pittsylvania, Franklin, and Bedford to the corner of Bedford and Roanoke; thence with the Blue Ridge Mountains to the North Carolina line.

(57) NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE shall include the State of North Dakota.

(58) NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north by the State of Michigan; on the east by the State of Ohio, including Union City; on the south by the National Road from the State line west to Marion County; thence north to the northeast corner of said county; thence west to the Michigan Road; on the west by said Michigan Road to South Bend, excluding Lowell Heights and River Park Churches, South Bend, and thence by the Saint Joseph River to the Michigan State line, including Logansport and all the towns on the National Road east of Indianapolis.

(59) NORTH-EAST OHIO CONFERENCE shall be bounded as follows: Beginning at the north point of the line separating Ohio from Pennsylvania; thence south along said line to the Ohio River, including Orangeville Church; thence down said river to the Muskingum River; thence up the Muskingum River to Dresden, excluding Marietta, Zanesville, and Dresden; thence westerly to the main road passing through Delaware and Marion, including Utica, Homer, and Galena Circuits, and excluding Stratford; on the west by the main road passing through Delaware and Marion to Upper Sandusky, and by the Sandusky River to its mouth; thence due north to the State line, including the towns of Tiffin, Port Clinton, and Lakeside, and excluding so much of the town of Delaware as lies west of Sandusky Street, yet including Asbury Church in the city of Delaware; also excluding the towns of Marion, Fremont and Upper Sandusky; thence east on the northern line of the State of Ohio to the place of beginning.

(60) NORTHERN MINNESOTA CONFERENCE shall include all of the State of Minnesota not included in the Minnesota Conference.

(61) NORTHERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE shall include so much of the county of Franklin as is not within the Troy Conference, and the counties of Saint Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, and Herkimer, and all of Oswego County except Phoenix, and so much of the county of Madison as lies on and east of the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad, together with Cherry Valley, Springfield, and Richfield Springs in Otsego County, Saint Johnsville in Montgomery County, and Lassellsville, Oppenheim, and Stratford in Fulton County.

(62) NORTHERN SWEDISH CONFERENCE shall include all of the Swedish work in Minnesota, northern Michigan, Wisconsin, except Racine, North Dakota, and that part of Montana lying east of the Rocky Mountains.

(63) NORTHWEST GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work in the State of South Dakota; and in that part of the State of Iowa north of an east and west line passing along the south line of the city of Clinton; and in that part of the State of Illinois lying west of the Chicago German Conference; and all appointments in the State of Wisconsin south of and including the cities of La Crosse and Tomah which are not included in the Chicago German Conference.

(64) NORTHWEST INDIANA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north by Lake Michigan and the State line; on the east by the Saint Joseph River and the Michigan Road, including Lowell Heights and River Park Churches, South Bend, Indiana; on the

south by the Indiana Conference, and on the west by Illinois, including all the towns on the Michigan Road except Logansport; and all the towns on the southern boundary, excluding Washington Street Church in Indianapolis.

(65) NORTHWEST IOWA CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Iowa west of the Upper Iowa and north of the Des Moines Conferences.

(66) NORTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the west and north by the Kansas State line; on the east by the sixth principal meridian, but including the Solomon City Circuit; and on the south by the south line of township seventeen as far west as to the east line of Lane County; thence north to the north line of said Lane County; thence west to the State line.

(67) NORTHWEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Nebraska lying within the following boundary lines: Beginning at a point where the west line of range twelve west of the sixth principal meridian meets the boundary line between Nebraska and South Dakota; thence south to the northeast corner of Garfield County; thence west to the northeast corner of Blaine County; thence south to the southeast corner of Blaine County; thence west to the southwest corner of Grant County; thence south to the southeast corner of Garden County; thence on the county line to the southeast corner of Morrill County; thence west on the south line of Banner County to the Wyoming line; thence north to the South Dakota line; thence east to the west line of range twelve west of the sixth principal meridian.

(68) NORWEGIAN AND DANISH CONFERENCE shall in-

clude all the Norwegian and Danish work between the Alleghany and Rocky Mountains except in the city of Buffalo.

(69) OHIO CONFERENCE shall be bounded as follows: Commencing on the Muskingum River north of Dresden; thence down said river to the Ohio River, including Zanesville and Marietta; thence down the Ohio River to the mouth of Ohio Brush Creek; thence north to the southeast corner of Fayette County; thence northwest to the west line of Fayette County, not including Center Church; thence north on the west line of Fayette and Madison Counties to the Springfield branch of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad, leaving Vienna, Dumbarton, and Sinking Spring Circuits west of said line; thence east on the southern boundaries of the former Central Ohio and North-East Ohio Conferences to the place of beginning, including Milford Center and Stratford, and Saint Paul's Charge, Delaware, Ohio.

(70) OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE shall include the State of Oklahoma, except the three counties of Beaver, Texas, and Cimarron; also the entire State of Texas, except El Paso County and that portion included in the Gulf Conference and in the Southwest Kansas Conference.

(71) OREGON CONFERENCE shall include all of the State of Oregon not included in the Columbia River and the Inter-Mountain Conferences.

(72) PACIFIC GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work of the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

(73) PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the east by the Delaware River, on the south by the

Pennsylvania State line, on the west by the Susquehanna River, excluding Harrisburg and the adjoining part of Dauphin County, extending east to Paxtonia and Rutherford included in the Central Pennsylvania Conference; on the north by the north line of Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, and Monroe Counties, excepting Ashland, and the Beaver Meadows Circuit.

(74) PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north by the Erie Conference; on the east by the Central Pennsylvania Conference; on the south by the West Virginia Conference; on the west by the North-East Ohio Conference.

(75) PUGET SOUND CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of Washington lying west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains; all of Klickitat County except Bickleton and Alderdale, and all the work in the Territory of Alaska.

(76) ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Illinois north of Central Illinois Conference, except East Dubuque. This Conference shall include the work among the Welsh people of the States of Illinois and Wisconsin.

(77) SAINT JOHNS RIVER CONFERENCE shall include the work among the white people in the State of Florida, excepting that portion lying west of the Apalachicola River.

(78) SAINT LOUIS CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Missouri lying south of the Missouri River and the work among the white people in the State of Arkansas.

(79) SAINT LOUIS GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work in that part of the State of Illinois south of the Chicago German Conference, and

in the State of Iowa south of the Northwest German Conference; and all of the German work in the State of Missouri which is not within the West German Conference.

(80) SAVANNAH CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in that part of the State of Georgia lying south of a line running east and west on a line of the northern boundaries of Richmond, McDuffie, Warren, Hancock, Putnam, Jasper, and Butts Counties; that part of Spalding County embracing Liberty Hill Circuit; all of Pike County except the Church known as Free Liberty; that part of Meriwether County embracing Greenville; and that part of Troup County embracing La Grange Station and La Grange Circuit.

(81) SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of South Carolina.

(82) SOUTHERN CONFERENCE shall include the German work in the States of Texas and Louisiana.

(83) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE shall include that portion of the State of California lying south of the line beginning at the mouth of the Carmel River on Carmel Bay; thence in a direct line to the northwest corner of Fresno County; thence north to the northwest corner of Merced County; thence east and north along the north boundary of Merced County, including the Newman Circuit, to the point where said boundary intersects the middle fork of Merced River; thence, following the middle fork of Merced River, to the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the northwest corner of Inyo County; thence along the north line of said county to the California-Nevada State line; also that portion of the State of Nevada lying south of the line

beginning at the point where the thirty-seventh parallel of north latitude intersects the California-Nevada State line; thence east along said parallel to the west line of Lincoln County, State of Nevada; thence north and east along the line of Lincoln County to the Nevada-Utah State line. It shall also include Lower California and the State of Sonora in the Republic of Mexico; the State of Arizona; and Needles in the State of California.

(84) SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of Illinois south of the following line, namely: Beginning at a point on the Mississippi River at the northwest corner of Calhoun County; thence east along the north line of said County to the Illinois River; thence down the Illinois River to Columbiana; thence east to the northeast corner of Jersey County, leaving Carrollton and Rockbridge in the Illinois Conference; thence in a southeasterly direction, leaving Chesterfield in the Illinois Conference and Litchfield in the Southern Illinois Conference; then to Hillsboro, leaving Hillsboro in the Illinois Conference; thence to the northwest corner of Fayette County; thence along the north line of Fayette County and Effingham County to the west line of Cumberland County, leaving Herrick and Holiday in the Southern Illinois Conference; thence south to the southwest corner of Cumberland County; thence east along the south line of Cumberland and Clark Counties to the Wabash River.

(85) SOUTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of Kansas not included in the Kansas and the Northwest Kansas Conferences; also Beaver, Cimarron, and Texas Counties in the State of Oklahoma.

(86) TENNESSEE CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in that portion of the State of Tennessee west of and including the counties of Franklin, Coffee, Warren, White, Putnam, Overton, and Picket in said State.

(87) TEXAS CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in so much of the State of Texas as lies east of a line beginning at the Gulf of Mexico on the east line of Matagorda County, and running along said line and the east line of Wharton and Colorado Counties to the north point of Colorado County; thence north until it strikes the Central Railroad at Calvert; thence along the line of the railroad to the northern boundary of Texas, excluding Calvert and all the towns on the line of said road.

(88) TROY CONFERENCE shall include that portion of the State of New York embraced in the counties of Rensselaer, Washington, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Saratoga, Schenectady, Montgomery (except Saint Johnsville), Fulton (except the towns of Oppenheim and Stratford), Albany (except Coeymans Hollow, and South Bethlehem), Schoharie (except Blenheim, Charlottesvile, Eminence, Gilboa, Livingstonville, and Summit); in Columbia County, the towns of Stuyvesant, Kinderhook, New Lebanon, and Chatham (except Chatham Village and East Chatham); in Franklin County, the towns of Standish, Saranac Lake, and the appointments connected with Bloomingdale Circuit; in Hamilton County, the towns of Benson, Hope, Wells, Indian Lake, Long Lake, and Blue Mountain Lake; and in Otsego County, Center Valley; also that portion of the State of Vermont embraced in the counties of Addison (except the towns of Granville and Hancock); Bennington (ex-

cept the towns of Landgrove and Peru), Rutland (except Mechanicville and Cuttingsville, Mount Holly, East Wallingford, Summit, and Healdsville), and in Chittenden County, the towns of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Huntington, Williston, Shelburne, Burlington, and Winooski; also in the State of Massachusetts all that part of Berkshire County lying upon the line of the Boston & Albany Railroad, and north of said line.

(89) UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE shall be bounded as follows, namely: Beginning at the northeast corner of the State of Iowa; thence down the Mississippi River to Davenport, including East Dubuque, in the State of Illinois; thence west on the north line of the Iowa Conference to the southeast corner of Story County; thence north to the State line, so as to include Iowa Falls; thence east on said line to the place of beginning.

(90) UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in the State of Mississippi not included in the Mississippi Conference.

(91) VERMONT CONFERENCE shall include the State of Vermont, except that section lying south of the Winooski River and west of the Green Mountain divide; said boundary to leave Winooski Charge in the Troy Conference, and Mechanicville and Cuttingsville in the Vermont Conference.

(92) WASHINGTON CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in western Maryland, the District of Columbia, the State of West Virginia, except the counties of Raleigh, Mercer, Wyoming, and McDowell; so much of the State of Pennsylvania as lies west of the Susquehanna River, including the towns on said river; and so much of the State of Virginia as

is not included in the East Tennessee, Delaware, and North Carolina Conferences.

(93) WEST GERMAN CONFERENCE shall include the German work in the State of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Oklahoma, and so much of the State of Missouri as lies west of a line commencing at the southeast corner of the State of Kansas; thence direct to the southeast corner of Morgan County, Missouri; thence north to the northeast corner of Charlton County, Missouri; thence to the northeast corner of Worth County, Missouri.

(94) WEST OHIO CONFERENCE shall be bounded on the north by the north line of the State of Ohio; on the east by the North-East Ohio Conference to the junction with the Ohio Conference at Delaware, excluding Asbury Church; thence west by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad to the west line of the Ohio Conference; thence south by the west line of the Ohio Conference; on the south by the Ohio River; and on the west by the west line of the State of Ohio.

(95) WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE shall embrace the colored work in that part of the State of Texas which is not included in the Texas Conference.

(96) WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE shall be bounded as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Pennsylvania; thence along the west line of Pennsylvania to the northeast corner of Ohio County, West Virginia, so as to include Dallas Circuit and Triadelphia Circuit; thence by the most direct way to Short Creek so as to include Short Creek and Liberty Circuit; thence down Short Creek to the Ohio River; thence down said river to the mouth of the Big Sandy River; on the west by the State line; on the

south by the Kentucky and Holston Conferences, including the counties of Highland, Augusta, Rockbridge, Botetourt, Allegheny, and Craig in the State of Virginia; on the east so as to include Bayard, Blaine, Gorman, Swanton and Grantsville Charges, to the Pennsylvania State line; thence westward along said line to the place of beginning.

(97) WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE shall include that part of the State of Wisconsin not embraced in the Wisconsin Conference.

(98) WESTERN NORWEGIAN-DANISH CONFERENCE shall include the Norwegian and Danish work in the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and California.

(99) WESTERN SWEDISH CONFERENCE shall include all of the Swedish work in the States of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

(100) WILMINGTON CONFERENCE shall include the State of Delaware, the eastern shore of Maryland, and all that part of the State of Virginia east of the Baltimore Conference.

(101) WISCONSIN CONFERENCE shall include all that part of the State of Wisconsin lying east and north of a line beginning at the southeast corner of Green County, on the south line of the State; thence north on the range line between ranges nine and ten east, to the north line of township twenty; thence west on the said line to the east of range three; thence north on said line to the Michigan State line excluding Avon Church, McFarland, Goodman Church, Brooklyn, and the town of Pine Grove in Portage County.

(102) WYOMING CONFERENCE shall include that por-

tion of the southern part of the State of New York which is not included in the New York, New York East, Newark, Central New York and Genesee Conferences; and that part of the State of Pennsylvania which is bounded on the west by Central New York Conference, including the territory east of the Susquehanna River, and on the south by the Central Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Newark Conferences, including Narrowsburg, and on the east by the Newark and New York Conferences.

(103) WYOMING STATE CONFERENCE shall include the State of Wyoming.

§ 2. *Mission Conferences and Missions*

(1) HAWAII MISSION shall include the Hawaiian Islands.

(2) LATIN AMERICAN MISSION shall include the Mexicans, Spaniards, Italians, Filipinos, Portuguese, French, and other peoples speaking the Romance languages in the territory included in California, Lower California, Nevada and that part of Arizona lying west of the meridian of longitude 112 degrees west.

(3) PACIFIC CHINESE MISSION shall include all the Chinese work between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean.

(4) PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION shall include all the Japanese work west of the Mississippi River.

(5) PACIFIC SWEDISH MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the Swedish work in the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Arizona, and that part of Montana west of the Rocky Mountains.

(6) PORTO RICO MISSION CONFERENCE shall include Porto Rico and the adjacent islands belonging to its civil jurisdiction, together with any work which may be established by our Church or come under its care in any of the islands known as the West Indies.

(7) SOUTH FLORIDA MISSION CONFERENCE shall include the colored work in that part of the State of Florida lying south of parallel twenty-nine, including New Smyrna, Daytona, Ormond, and De Land.

(8) SOUTHERN SWEDISH MISSION CONFERENCE shall include all the Swedish work in Texas.

(9) SOUTHWEST SPANISH MISSION. (No boundary description given.)

(10) UTAH MISSION shall include the State of Utah.

§ 3. *Enabling Acts*

(1) The discontinuance of the *Alaska Mission* as such, is hereby authorized and the boundaries of the *Puget Sound Conference* are hereby enlarged to include our work in the territory of Alaska, so that it may be incorporated in such district and placed under such superintendency as the presiding Bishop may determine.

(2) *Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference*, during the next Quadrennium is authorized to adopt for itself some appropriate name shorter than the present one.

(3) *California German Conference and Pacific German*, during the next Quadrennium may unite and form one Conference with such name as may be adopted, the action being subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(4) *Chicago German Conference and the Northwest German Conference*, during the next Quadren-

nium may unite under such name as may be agreed upon.

(5) *Central Missouri Conference* boundary is hereby extended to include such work among Negroes as may be developed in the ensuing Quadrennium in the States of North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.

(6) *Central Swedish Conference*, during the next Quadrennium may with the consent of the English-speaking Conferences involved and the Bishops in charge, transfer any portion of its work to an English-speaking Conference or form Swedish districts within any one of these Conferences.

(7) *Colorado Conference* and *New Mexico Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may merge the English-speaking district of the New Mexico Conference with the Colorado Conference.

(8) On application of delegates of both the *Georgia* and *Holston Conferences* the boundaries of these two Conferences are hereby changed, making the State line the boundary between the two Conferences and transferring the Copper Hill Basin from the Georgia to the Holston Conference.

(9) *Gulf Annual Conference* and *Southern Annual Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may unite under the name, *Southern Conference*, under the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(10) *Illinois* and *Central Illinois Conferences*, during the Next Quadrennium, by a majority vote of the members of each Conference present and voting and the concurrence of the Bishop or Bishops presiding, may unite and form one Annual Conference with such name as may then be adopted.

(11) *Idaho Annual Conference* is hereby authorized to change the name of the Conference to Inter-Moun-

tain Conference, the change to go into effect immediately and to appear in all printed reference to said Conference.

(12) *Iowa and Des Moines Conferences*, during the next Quadrennium, may unite as one Conference under such name as they may agree upon, their action being subject to the usual Disciplinary requirements.

(13) *Latin American Mission and the Southwest Spanish Mission*, during the next Quadrennium, are hereby authorized to merge into one Mission to be known as the Latin American Mission, under the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(14) *Missouri Annual Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, is authorized to transfer to the Saint Louis Conference the counties of Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren and Saint Charles under the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(15) *Nebraska Conference and Northwest Nebraska Conference*, during the Next Quadrennium, are authorized to unite as one Conference, under the name "Nebraska Conference," the action being subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions.

(16) *Northern German Conference* is hereby merged with the Minnesota Conference, the charges lying outside the boundaries of the Minnesota Conference to be transferred as soon as possible to the Conferences within whose boundaries they lie.

(17) Authorization is hereby given for the organization of the *Norwegian-Danish Mission* in the Eastern States subject to the usual Disciplinary conditions, action to be taken at any time during the ensuing Quadrennium.

(18) *Ohio and West Ohio Conferences*, at their

sessions in 1924, on approval of each Conference, may unite and form one Conference to be known as the Ohio Conference.

(19) *Puget Sound and Columbia River Conferences*, during the next Quadrennium, by a vote of a majority of the members of each Conference present and voting and with the concurrence of the Bishop or Bishops presiding, may unite to form one Annual Conference to be known as the Cascade Annual Conference.

(20) *Saint Louis German Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may merge with the contiguous English Conferences whenever it may deem it wise to do so.

(21) *Saint Louis Conference* is authorized to merge with its territory the German work of the Saint Louis German Conference in the counties of Warren, Lincoln, Montgomery, and Saint Charles.

(22) *South Florida Mission Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, organize as an Annual Conference.

(23) *Southern German Conference* is hereby authorized to change the name of the Conference to Southern Conference, the change to go into effect immediately and to appear in all printed reference to said Conference.

(24) *West German Conference*, during the next Quadrennium, may discontinue its organization at any session by a three-fourths vote of its members present and voting, whenever it may deem it wise to do so, and provided the merger with the contiguous English Conferences can be accomplished equitably for all concerned.

CHAPTER III

CENTRAL CONFERENCES

¶ 519, § 1. *Central European Central Conference*

- (1) AUSTRIA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (2) BULGARIA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (3) HUNGARY MISSION.
- (4) JUGO-SLAVIA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (5) NORTH GERMANY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (6) RUSSIA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (7) SOUTH GERMANY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (8) SWITZERLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

§ 2. *Mediterranean Central Conference*

- (1) ITALY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (2) FRANCE MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (3) NORTH AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (4) SPAIN MISSION.

§ 3. *North European Central Conference*

- (1) BALTIC MISSION.
- (2) DENMARK ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (3) FINLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (4) NORWAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (5) SWEDEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (6) FINLAND SWEDISH MISSION CONFERENCE.

¶ 520, §1. *Eastern Asia Central Conference*

- (1) CENTRAL CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (2) CHENG TU WEST CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (3) CHUNGKING WEST CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (4) FOOCHEW ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (5) HINGHUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (6) JAPAN MISSION COUNCIL.
- (7) KIANGSI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

- (8) KOREA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (9) NORTH CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (10) YENPING ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

§ 2. *Southern Asia Central Conference.*

- (1) BENGAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (2) BHABUA MISSION.
- (3) BOMBAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (4) BURMA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (5) CENTRAL PROVINCES ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (6) GUJARAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (7) INDUS RIVER MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (8) LUCKNOW ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (9) NORTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (10) NORTHWEST INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (11) SOUTH INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

§ 3. *Central Conference for Southeastern Asia*

- (1) MALAYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (2) NETHERLANDS INDIES MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (3) NORTH SUMATRA MISSION.
- (4) PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

¶ 521. *South Africa Central Conference*

- (1) ANGOLA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (2) CONGO MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (3) RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE.
- (4) SOUTHEAST AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE.

¶ 522. *Central Conference for Latin America*

- (1) BOLIVIA MISSION.
- (2) CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSION.
- (3) CHILE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (4) EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (5) MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.
- (6) NORTH ANDES MISSION CONFERENCE.

¶523. Special Notation

§ 1. Enabling acts are in force for one Quadrennium only and provided that the number of members in any adjoining Conference or Mission Conference shall not be diminished to less than twenty-five.

§ 2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Boundaries shall be the final authority in any question as to what the action of the Committee on Boundaries has been.

§ 3. Any and all acts of the Commission on Foreign Speaking Conferences in the United States that relate to boundaries are endorsed by the Committee on Boundaries. See ¶ 571, §§ 6, 8.

§ 4. The Committee on Boundaries accepts and approves the report of the Commission of the Southern Asia Central Conference submitted by D. G. Abbott, Central Provinces, a copy of which is filed with the Secretary of the Committee on Boundaries.

§ 5. The Committee on Boundaries by a count vote authorized the transfer of the following churches from one Conference to another: 1—Wyandot Church, from the North-East Ohio Conference to the West Ohio Conference; 2—Tenth Street Church, Oshkosh, Wis., from the Chicago German Conference to the Wisconsin Conference; 3—Roanoke Church, Kansas City, Mo., from the Western Swedish Conference to the Saint Louis Conference; 4—Copperhill Church, from the Georgia Conference to the Holston Conference.

§ 6. On the application of Bishop H. Lester Smith, the Committee on Approval of the Report of the Committee on Boundaries recommend the discontinuance of the English-Speaking Mission in India.

PART IX

RITUAL

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CHAPTER I

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

[Let every adult person, and the parents of every child to be baptized, have the choice of either sprinkling, pouring, or immersion.

We will on no account whatever make a charge for administering Baptism.]

¶ 524. Order for the Administration of Baptism to Infants

The Minister, coming to the Font, which is to be filled with pure Water, shall use the following:

DEARLY BELOVED, forasmuch as God in his great mercy hath entered into covenant relation with man, wherein he hath included children as partakers of its gracious benefits; and our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that having, of his bounteous mercy, redeemed *this child* by the blood of his Son, he will grant that *he*, being baptized with water, may also be baptized with the Holy Spirit, be received into Christ's holy Church, and become a *lively Member* of the same.

NOTE.—We call upon all our ministers to make faithful use of the forms and orders here provided, and without other deviation than that here indicated as permitted.

We urge all pastors to encourage and train their congregations to participate audibly in those portions of the service provided for this purpose, particularly in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The portions to be used by the congregation are specially indicated by black face type.

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Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who by thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ gavest commandment to go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; we beseech thee, that of thine infinite mercy thou wilt look upon *this child*: that *he*, being saved by thy grace, and received into Christ's holy Church, may be steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, and may so overcome all evil that finally *he* may reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister address the Parents or other Sponsors as followeth:

Dearly Beloved, forasmuch as *this child* is now presented by you for Christian Baptism, and is thus consecrated to God and to his Church, it is your part and duty to see that *he* be taught, as soon as *he* shall be able to learn, the nature and end of this Holy Sacrament; that *he* shall read the Holy Scriptures and learn the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and the Catechism; and that *he* be instructed in the principles of our Holy Faith and the nature of the Christian life. And ye shall call upon *him* to give reverent attendance upon the appointed means of grace, such as the ministry of the Word, and the public and private worship of God; and that in every way, by precept and example, ye shall seek to lead *him* into the love of God and the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you therefore solemnly engage to fulfill these duties, so far as in you lies, the Lord being your helper?

Answer. **We do.**

*Then shall the People stand up, and the Minister
shall say:*

Hear the words of the Gospel, written by St. Mark
[Chap. 10. 13-16.]

And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

*Then the Minister may take the Child in his arms,
and say to the Parents or other Sponsors:*

What name shall be given to this child?

*And then, naming it after them, he shall baptize it,
saying:*

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister offer the following Prayer,
the People kneeling:*

O God of infinite mercy, be pleased to grant unto *this child* an understanding mind and a sanctified heart. May thy providence lead *him* through the

dangers, temptations, and ignorance of *his* youth, that *he* may never run into folly, nor into the evils of an unbridled appetite. We pray thee so to order the course of *his* life that, by good education, by holy examples, and by thy restraining and renewing grace, *he* may be led to serve thee faithfully all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, grant unto these, thy servants, the parents [sponsors] of *this child*, thy Holy Spirit, that *they* may command *their* household to keep the way of the Lord; that *their* whole family may be united to our Lord Jesus Christ in the bonds of faith, obedience, and charity; and that they all, being in this life thy holy children, may be admitted into the Church of the first born in heaven, through the merits of thy Son, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Then may the Minister offer extemporary Prayer.

*Then shall be said by the Minister and People,
all kneeling:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ 525. Order for the Administration of Baptism to
such as are of Riper Years

The Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED, forasmuch as all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and our Saviour Christ saith except a man be born anew he cannot see the kingdom of God, and also gave commandment saying: Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous goodness he will grant to *these persons* that which by nature *they* cannot have; that *they*, being baptized with water, may also be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and, being received into Christ's holy Church, may continue lively *Members* of the same.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and Everliving God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succor, the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead: we call upon thee for *these persons*, that *they*, coming to thy Holy Baptism, may also be filled with the Holy Spirit. Receive *them*, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek, find; open the gate unto us that knock; that *these persons* may enjoy the

everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised, by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amèn.*

Then may the Minister read the following lesson:

And Peter *said* unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. [Acts 2. 38-42.]

Or this

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came unto him by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which

is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew. The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. [John 3. 1-8.]

Then shall the minister speak to the Persons to be baptized on this wise:

Well Beloved, who have come hither desiring to receive Holy Baptism, you have heard how the Congregation hath prayed that our Lord Jesus Christ would vouchsafe to receive you, to bless you, and to give you the kingdom of heaven, and everlasting life. And our Lord Jesus Christ hath promised in his Holy Word to grant all those things that we have prayed for: which promise he for his part will most surely keep and perform.

Wherefore, after this promise made by Christ, you must also faithfully, for your part, promise in the presence of this whole Congregation, that you will renounce the devil and all his works, and constantly believe God's Holy Word, and obediently keep his commandments. -

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Then shall the Minister demand of each of the Persons to be baptized:

Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the same, and the carnal de-

sires of the flesh, so that thou wilt not follow nor be led by them?

Answer. **I renounce them all.**

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son our Lord; and that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; that he rose the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; and from thence shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic¹ Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and everlasting life after death?

Answer. **All this I steadfastly believe.**

Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?

Answer. **Such is my desire.**

Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Answer. **I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper.**

Then shall the Minister say:

O Merciful God, grant that all sinful affections may die in *these persons*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *them*. *Amen.*

Grant that *they*, being here dedicated to thee in holy baptism, may also be endued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy,

¹The one universal Church of Christ.

O blessed Lord God, who dost live, and govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, Everliving God, regard, we beseech thee, our supplications; and grant that the *persons* now to be baptized may receive the fullness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful and beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Minister, asking the name of each Person, shall baptize him, saying:

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then shall be said by the Minister and people, all kneeling:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Then may the Minister conclude with extemporary Prayer.

CHAPTER II

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

¶ 526. Form for Receiving Persons into the Church as Preparatory Members

[The use of this form is discretionary with the minister.]

Those who are to be received into the Church as Preparatory Members may be called forward by name, and the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN, that none may be admitted hastily into the Church, we receive persons who seek fellowship with us on profession of faith into a preparatory membership; in which proof may be made, both to themselves and to the Church, of the sincerity and depth of their convictions and of the strength of their purpose to lead a new life.

The persons here present desire to be so admitted. You will hear their answers to the questions put to them, and if you make no objection they will be received.

It is needful, however, that you be reminded of your own responsibility, as having previously entered this holy fellowship and now representing the Church into which they seek admission. Inasmuch as they should find in you holy examples of life and loving help in the true serving of their Lord and ours, I

beseech you so to order your own lives that these new disciples may take no detriment from you, but that it may ever be to them a cause for thanksgiving to God that they were led into this fellowship.

Then, addressing the Persons seeking Admission as Preparatory Members, the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved, you have, by the grace of God, made your decision to follow Christ and to serve him. Your confidence in so doing is not to be based on any notion of fitness or worthiness in yourselves, but on the gracious promise of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

That the Church may know your purpose, you will answer the following questions:

Have you an earnest desire to be saved from your sins?

Answer. I have.

Will you guard against all things contrary to the teaching of God's Word, and endeavor to lead a holy life, following the commandments of God?

Answer. I will endeavor so to do.

Will you give reverent attendance upon the appointed means of grace in the ministry of the Word, and in the private and public worship of God?

Answer. With the help of God, I will.

The Minister shall then welcome the Candidates as Preparatory Members, and may assign them to classes.

Then may the Minister offer extemporaneous Prayer.

¶ 527. Form for Receiving Persons into the Church
from Preparatory Membership after Required
Instruction Has Been Given

On the day appointed, all that are to be received into the Church shall be called forward, and the Minister, addressing the Congregation, shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED, the Scriptures teach us that the Church is the household of God, the body of which Christ is the head; and that it is the design of the gospel to bring together in one all who are in Christ. The end of this fellowship is the salvation of men and the establishment of the kingdom of God upon earth. As helps thereto the Church is charged with the maintenance of sound doctrine and of the ordinances of Christian worship, and with the exercise of that power of godly admonition and discipline which Christ has committed to her for the promotion of holiness. The duties of those united in this fellowship are to continue steadfast in the faith and practice of the gospel; to promote the peace and unity of the Church; to labor for the spread of love and righteousness; and by word and deed to bring others into the fold of Jesus Christ.

Into this holy fellowship the *persons* before you, who have already received the sacrament of Baptism and have been under instruction in the doctrines of Holy Scripture as taught by the Methodist Episcopal Church, *come* seeking admission. We now propose, in the fear of God, to question *them* as to *their* faith and purposes, that you may know that *they* are proper *persons* to be admitted into the Church.

Then, addressing the Persons seeking Admission, the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved, you are come hither seeking the great privilege of union with the Church our Saviour has purchased with his own blood. We rejoice in the grace of God vouchsafed unto you in that he has called you to be his *followers*, and that thus far you have run well. You have heard how solemn are the duties of membership in Christ's Church; and before you are fully admitted thereto, it is proper that you do here publicly renew your vows, confess your faith, and declare your purpose, by answering the following questions:

Do you here, in the presence of God and of this Congregation, renew the solemn promise contained in the Baptismal Covenant, ratifying and confirming the same, and acknowledging *yourselves* bound faithfully to observe and keep that Covenant?

Answer. I do.

Do you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and do you confess him as your Lord and Master?

Answer. I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian Faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Will you be loyal to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and uphold it by your prayer, your presence, your gifts and your service?

Answer. I will.

Then, the Candidates kneeling, the Minister shall say:

Defend, O Lord, *these thy servants* with thy heavenly grace; that *they* may continue thine forever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit, more and more, until *they* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Then the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say to the Candidates:

We welcome you to the communion of the Church of God; and, in testimony of our Christian affection and the cordiality with which we receive you, I hereby extend to you the right hand of fellowship: and may God grant that you may be a faithful and useful Member of the Church militant till you are called to the fellowship of the Church triumphant, which is "without fault before the throne of God."

¶ 528. Form for Receiving Children as Members of the Church after Required Instruction Has Been Given

We regard all children who have been baptized as standing in covenant relation to God, and as preparatory members under the special care and supervision of the Church. Whenever baptized children shall understand the obligations of religion, and shall give evidence of piety, they may be admitted into full membership in the Church. See *Discipline*, paragraphs 49 to 54.

At the appointed time, the Minister shall read the
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names of the children to be received; and, after they have come forward, he shall say to the Congregation:

DEARLY BELOVED, these persons here present before you are baptized children of the Church, who, having arrived at the years of discretion, desire now to confirm the vows of their baptism and to enter upon the active duties and the full privileges of membership in the Church of Christ. They have been duly instructed as to the truths of the Christian faith, and have been examined as to their fitness for such membership. Before they assume the required vows, let us invoke on their behalf the gracious blessing of God our Father, and the continued presence of the Holy Spirit who hath inclined their hearts to this end.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who hast appointed unto children a place in thy kingdom, and through thy well beloved Son didst give unto them thy blessing, we beseech thee that thou wilt visit with thy favor the homes of this congregation, and fill the hearts of all parents with the fear of God and the spirit of wisdom and love. We pray that thy church may be faithful in the nurture of those committed to her care. Let thy blessing rest upon these, thy children, whom thou hast graciously inclined to thy service and to the fellowship of thy people. We beseech thee, that thou wilt so further them by thy grace and direct them by thy Spirit, that they may

be faithful servants in thy kingdom on earth, and finally reign with thee in thy kingdom above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister say:

Hear the words of the Gospel as written by St. Luke (Chap. 2. 40-52).

And the child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast; and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not; but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance: and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him. And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? know ye not that I must be in my Father's house? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all *these* sayings in her heart.

*Then shall the Minister address the Persons seeking
Admission as follows:*

Dearly Beloved, we rejoice in the grace of God in that he has brought you to this place, and by his Spirit has confirmed you in your purpose to serve him and to live in the fellowship of the Church of Christ. It is needful now that you should declare your faith and purpose in the presence of this congregation by answering the following questions:

Do you here in the presence of God and of this Congregation renew the solemn promises contained in the Baptismal Covenant, ratifying and confirming the same, and acknowledging yourselves bound faithfully to observe and keep that covenant?

Answer. I do.

Do you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and do you confess him as your Lord and Master?

Answer. I do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian Faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Will you be loyal to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and uphold it by your prayer, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

Answer. I will.

*Then, the Candidates kneeling, the Minister shall
say:*

Defend, O Lord, *these thy Children* with thy heavenly grace, that *they* may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *they* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Then the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say to the Candidates:

We welcome you to the communion of the Church of God; and, in testimony of our Christian affection and the cordiality with which we receive you, I hereby extend to you the right hand of fellowship: and may God grant that you may be a faithful and useful Member of the Church militant till you are called to the fellowship of the Church triumphant, which is "without fault before the throne of God."

CHAPTER III

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, OR THE HOLY COMMUNION

[Let the pure, unfermented juice of the grape be used in administering the Lord's Supper.]

[Let persons who have scruples concerning the receiving of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper kneeling be permitted to receive it either standing or sitting.]

¶ 529. Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper

[If the Minister so desire, he may here use the Ten Commandments, with responses by the people, as contained in the Hymn., Number 738.]

The Minister shall say one or more of these Sentences, during the reading of which the Persons appointed for that purpose shall receive the Offering for the Poor:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust

doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. [Matt. 6. 19-21.]

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets. [Matt. 7. 12.]

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. [Matt. 7. 21.]

Zacchæus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. [Luke 19. 8.]

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. *Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.* [2 Cor. 9. 6, 7.]

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith. [Gal. 6. 10.]

Godliness with contentment is great gain: for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out. [1 Tim. 6. 6, 7.]

Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is *life* indeed. [1 Tim. 6. 17-19.]

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister. [Heb. 6. 10.]

To do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. [Heb. 13. 16.]

Whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? [1 John 3. 17.]

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto Jehovah, And his good deed will he pay him again. [Prov. 19. 17.]

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. [Psa. 41. 1.]

Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land. [Deut. 15. 11.]

After which the Minister shall give the following Invitation, the People standing:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

Wherefore ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and, de-

voutly kneeling, make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Then shall this general Confession be made by the Minister and all those who are minded to receive the Holy Communion, he and all the People devoutly kneeling and saying:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Collect shall then be said by the Minister and those intending to receive the Holy Communion:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may live and grow thereby: and that, being washed through his most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Then the Minister shall offer the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until his coming again: hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to

thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, ^{Here the Minister may} may be partakers of his most blessed body ^{take the plate} and blood; who, in the same night that he ^{of Bread} was betrayed, took bread (1); and when he ^{he said} had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took (2) the cup; and when he had given thanks, he ^{Here he may take the} gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of ^{cup in his} this; for this is my blood of the New Testa-^{ment}ment, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

Then shall the Minister receive the Communion in both kinds, and proceed to deliver the same to the other Ministers, if any be present; after which he shall say:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Then shall be said or sung by all the people:

[The Hymnal, 741]

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

The Minister shall then proceed to administer the Communion to the People in order, kneeling, into their uncovered hands; and when he delivereth the Bread, he shall say:

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for *thee*, preserve *thy* soul and body unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for *thee*; and feed on him in *thy* heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

And the Minister that delivereth the Cup shall say:

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for *thee*, preserve *thy* soul and body unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for *thee*, and be thankful.

[If the Consecrated bread or wine shall be all spent before all have communed, the Elder may Consecrate more by repeating the Prayer of Consecration.]

[When all have communed, the Minister shall return to the Lord's table and place upon it what remaineth of the Consecrated elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.]

Then shall the Elder say the Lord's Prayer; the People kneeling, and repeating after him every petition:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

After which the Minister and People shall say:

O Lord our heavenly Father, we thy humble

servants desire thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said or sung by all the People standing:

[The Hymnal, 742.]

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men! We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty!

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the

sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then the Minister shall let the People depart with this Blessing:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

[The Minister is expected to use the full form, but, if straitened for time in the usual administration of the Holy Communion, he may omit any part of the service, except the Invitation, the Confession, and the Prayer of Consecration; and in its administration to the sick he may omit any part of the service except the Confession, the Prayer of Consecration, and the usual sentences in delivering the Bread and Wine, closing with the Lord's Prayer, extemporary supplication, and the Benediction.]

CHAPTER IV

MATRIMONY

¶ 530. Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony

[The parts in brackets throughout may be used or not at discretion.]

At the time appointed, the persons to be married—having been qualified according to law—standing together, the Man on the right hand and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the presence of these wit-

nesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy Matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that exists between Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee; and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly, and in the fear of God.

Into which holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore if any can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

[And also speaking unto the Persons that are to be married, the Minister shall say:

I require and charge you both, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it: for be ye well assured, that so many as are married otherwise than God's Word doth allow, are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.]

If no impediment be alleged, then shall the Minister say unto the Man, using his given name:

M., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the Woman, using her given name:

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer:

I will.

[Then shall the Minister say:

Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man?]

[Answer: I do.]

[Then the Minister shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and, using the given names, to say after him as followeth:

I, M., take thee, N., to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my faith.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the Woman, with her right hand taking the Man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

I, N., take thee, M., to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better,

for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my faith.]

[If the parties desire it, the Man shall here hand a Ring to the Minister, who shall return it to him, and direct him to place it on the third finger of the Woman's left hand. And the Man shall say to the Woman, repeating after the Minister:

With this ring I thee wed, and with my worldly goods I thee endow, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*]

Then shall the Minister pray thus:

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy name; that they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister join their right hands together, and say, using the given names:

Forasmuch as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have pledged their faith either to other, and have declared the same by joining of hands [and by giving and receiving a ring]; I pronounce that they are husband and wife together, in the name of the Father, and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. *Amen.*

And the Minister shall add this Blessing:

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister and the People together repeat the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CHAPTER V

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

[We will on no account whatever make a charge for burying
the dead.]

¶ 531. Form for Burial of the Dead

The Minister, going before the Body, shall say:

I AM the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. [John 11. 25, 26.]

For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. [2 Cor. 5. 1.]

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb. [Rev. 21. 22, 23.]

*In the House or Church may be read one of the
following Psalms:*

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 90. 1, 2, 4-6, 12, 14, 16, 17

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Then may follow the reading of the Epistle, as follows:

1 Corinthians 15. 41-49, 53-58

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for

one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual *body*. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is of heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.

Or this:

John 14. 1-3, 15-20, 25-27

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God,

believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

These things have I spoken unto you, while yet abiding with you. But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

Or this:

Revelation 7. 9-17

After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying,

Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne,
and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying,

Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

*At the Grave, when the Body is laid in the Earth,
the Minister shall say:*

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

In the midst of life we are in death: of whom may

we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death; but grant us everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Then, while the Earth may be cast upon the Body by some standing by, the Minister shall say:

Forasmuch as the spirit of the departed hath returned to the God who gave it, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; looking for the general resurrection in the last day, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at whose second coming in glorious majesty to judge the world, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be changed and made like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

Then shall be said:

I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

Then shall the Minister say:
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Response **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then the Minister may offer this Prayer:

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of

those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful after death are in joy and felicity: we give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally: we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life we may rest in him; and at the general resurrection on the last day may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O Merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister and the People together
repeat the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

¶ 532. Form for the Burial of a Child

The service may begin with a suitable Hymn, after which the Minister may offer the following Prayer, saying:

Let us pray.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, the refuge of all thy saints and the sure defense of all who put their trust in thee, lift upon us the light of thy countenance and give us peace. We know not thy counsels, O Lord, for thy thoughts are not our thoughts, nor thy ways our ways. Thou art infinitely holy, wise, and good, and thou doest all things well. Thou dost teach us in thy Holy Word that all things work together for good to them that love God, and that our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Comfort, we beseech thee, the hearts that sorrow in the death of this child; grant unto them the strengthening grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they and all we who trust thy fatherly goodness and care may rejoice in the promise of eternal life; and that we may be united again with our loved ones in thy heavenly and eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may be read any of the following Scripture passages:

Mark 10. 13-16

And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 103. 13-18

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as the flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Revelation 22. 1-5

And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve *manner of* fruits, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

At the Grave, when the Body is laid in the Earth, the Minister shall say:

Almighty and Most Merciful God our heavenly Father, from whom our spirits come and to whom they shall return, grant unto all sorrowing hearts the consolation of thy grace. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, who didst give thy life for our redemption, and who didst

promise the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to thy people, strengthen, we beseech thee, the faith of these bereaved ones, that they may contemplate with peace the blessedness of that eternal home which thou hast prepared for all whom thou hast redeemed. Grant that they, and all others whose joy is turned into mourning, may not murmur nor faint under their affliction; but, cleaving more closely unto thee, O blessed Lord Christ, who art the resurrection and the life, may be led by thy Holy Spirit through all the trials of this uncertain life, till the day break and the shadows flee away. *Amen.*

Here the Minister and the People may unite in the Lord's Prayer.

Then shall the Minister dismiss the People with the Benediction.

CHAPTER VI

CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION

¶ 533. Form of Consecrating Bishops

[This service is not to be understood as an ordination to a higher Order in the Christian Ministry, beyond and above that of Elders or Presbyters, but as a solemn and fitting Consecration for the special and most sacred duties of Superintendency in the Church.]

When the day appointed for the consecration of Bishops is come, the service shall begin with hymn and prayer, after which shall be used the following:

The Collect

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy holy Apostles, Elders, and Evangelists

many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed thy flock: give grace, we beseech thee, to all the Ministers and Pastors of thy Church, that they may diligently preach thy word and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people that they may obediently follow the same, that all may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall be read by one of the Elders:

Acts 20. 17-35

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I was with you all the time, serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of the Jews; how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Spirit testifieth unto me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure

from the blood of all men. For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God. Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which he purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears. And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. I coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Then another shall read: .

The Gospel. John 21. 15-17

So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again a second time, Simon, *son* of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of John, lovest thou

me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

Or this:

Matthew 28. 18-20

And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

After the Gospel and the Sermon are ended, the Elected Person shall be presented by two Elders unto the Bishop, the Elders saying:

We present unto you this Elder chosen to be consecrated a Bishop.

Then the Bishop shall call upon the Congregation present to pray, saying:

Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of Saint Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, before he did choose and send forth his twelve apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the disciples who were at Antioch did fast and pray, before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas, and sent them forth on their first mission to the Gentiles. Let us, therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ, and his Apostles, give

ourselves to prayer, before we admit and send forth *this person* presented to us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Spirit hath called him.

Then shall the following Prayer be offered by the Bishop:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers officers in thy Church: mercifully behold *this thy servant* now called to the Work and Ministry of a Bishop. Replenish *him* so with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn *him* with innocency of life, that both by word and deed *he* may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name, and the edifying and well governing of thy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall say to him that is to be Consecrated:

Brother, forasmuch as the Holy Scriptures command that we should not be hasty in laying on hands and admitting any person to government in the Church of Christ, which he hath purchased with no less price than the shedding of his own blood; before you are admitted to this administration, you will, in the fear of God, give answer to the questions which I now propound:

The Bishop. Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this Ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. **I am so persuaded.**

The Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy

Scriptures contain all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintain nothing as required of necessity to eternal salvation, but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the same?

Answer. **I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace.**

The Bishop. Will you then faithfully exercise *yourself* in the same Holy Scriptures, and call upon God by prayer for the true understanding of the same?

Answer. **I will do so, by the help of God.**

The Bishop. Will you be ready with faithful diligence to withstand, and to defend the Church against all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word and to use both public and private monitions as need shall require and occasion be given?

Answer. **I am ready, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you deny all ungodliness and worldly lust, and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, that you may show *yourself* in all things an example of good works unto others, to the honor and glory of God?

Answer. **I will so do, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and faithfully exercise such discipline in the Church, as shall be committed unto you?

Answer. **I will so do, by the help of God.**

The Bishop. Will you be faithful in ordaining and

appointing others; and will you ever seek to deal justly and kindly with your brethren of the ministry over whom you are placed as chief pastor?

Answer. **I will, by the help of God.**

The Bishop. Will you show *yourself* gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

Answer. **I will so show myself, by God's help.**

Then the Bishop shall say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same, that, he accomplishing in you the good work which he hath begun, you may be found blameless at the last day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[After this the Congregation shall be desired secretly in their Prayers to make their humble supplications to God for all these things; for the which Prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.]

Then shall Veni, Creator, Spiritus, be said:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light

The dullness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soiled face

With the abundance of thy grace;

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;

Where thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but ONE;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

That ended, the Bishop shall say:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

The Bishop shall then say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and Most Merciful Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given thine only and dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the author of everlasting life; who, after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, poured down his gifts abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, to the edifying and making perfect of his Church: grant, we beseech thee, to *this thy servant*, such grace that *he* may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee, and use the authority given *him*, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that as *a* wise and faithful *servant*, giving to the family their portion in due season, *he* may at last be received into everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishops and Elders present shall lay their hands upon the head of the Elected Persons, kneeling before them, the consecrating Bishop saying:

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the Church through the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of a sound mind.

Then shall the Bishop deliver to him the Bible, saying:

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Think upon the things contained in this book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all men. Take heed unto thyself, and to thy doctrine; for by so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd, not a wolf; feed them, devour them not. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcast, seek the lost; be so merciful that you may not be too remiss; so minister discipline that you forget not mercy; that when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall be offered the following Prayers:

Most Merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down upon *this thy servant* thy heavenly blessing. Endue *him* with thy Holy Spirit that, preaching thy

word, and exercising authority in thy Church, *he* may not only reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be *a* wholesome *example* in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, and in purity; so that, faithfully fulfilling *his* course, *he* may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge, who liveth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name; and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

¶ 534. Form of Ordaining Elders

[When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, a sermon or exhortation may be given, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted Elders.]

After which, one of the Elders shall present unto the Bishop all them that are to be Ordained, and say:

I present unto you these persons to be ordained as
Elders.

Then, their names having been read aloud, the Bishop shall say to the People:

BRETHREN, these are they whom we purpose, God

willing, this day to ordain Elders. For after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any crime or impediment in any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, let him come forth in the name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

If any crime or impediment be alleged, the Bishop shall desist from ordaining that person until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of the same.

Then shall be said the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, as followeth:

The Collect

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church: mercifully behold these thy servants now called to the Office of Elders, and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this Office, to the glory of thy name, and the edification of the Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Ephesians 4. 7, 8, 11-13

But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith,

When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive,
And gave gifts unto men.

And he gave some *to be* apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

After this shall be read for the Gospel part of the tenth chapter of Saint John:

John 10. 1, 2, 7-16

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

I am the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture. The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth *them*: *he fleeth* because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other

sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.

Then the Bishop shall say unto the Persons to be Ordained Elders:

You have heard, brethren, in your private examination, and in the holy lessons taken out of the gospel and the writings of the apostles, of how great importance this Office is whereunto ye are called. And now again we exhort you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye have in remembrance into how high a dignity and to how weighty an Office ye are called: that is to say, to be messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for, the Lord's family; to gather the outcasts, to seek the lost, and to be ever ready to spread abroad the gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with God.

Have always therefore printed in your remembrance how great a treasure is committed to your charge. For they are the sheep of Christ, which he bought with his death and for whom he shed his blood. The Church which you must serve is his spouse and his body. And if it shall happen, the same Church, or any member thereof, do take any hurt or hindrance by reason of your negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault, and also the fearful punishment that will ensue. Wherefore consider with yourselves the purpose of the ministry toward the children of God, toward the spouse and body of Christ; and see that you never cease your labor, your care and diligence, until you have done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden duty, to bring all

such as shall be committed to your charge unto that faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness in Christ, that there be no place left among you either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Forasmuch then as your office is both of so great excellency, and of so great difficulty, consider how studious ye ought to be in reading and learning the Scriptures, and in framing the manners, both of yourselves and of them that specially pertain unto you; and how ye ought to forsake and set aside, as much as you may, all worldly cares and studies.

We have good hope that you have weighed and pondered these things with yourselves long before this time: and that you have clearly determined, by God's grace, to give yourselves wholly to this Office, whereunto it has pleased God to call you: that, as much as lieth in you, you will apply yourselves wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way; that you will continually pray to God the Father, by the mediation of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, for the assistance of the Holy Spirit; that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures ye may wax riper and stronger in your ministry; and that ye may so endeavor to sanctify the lives of you and yours after the rule and doctrine of Christ, that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patterns for the people to follow.

And now, that this present congregation of Christ here assembled may also understand your minds and wills in these things, and that this your promise may the more move you to do your duties, you shall answer plainly to these things which we, in the name

of God and his Church, shall demand of you touching the same:

The Bishop. Do you think in your heart that you are truly called, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the order of Elders?

Answer. **I think so.**

The Bishop. Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain all doctrine required of necessity for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the said Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing as required of necessity to eternal salvation but that which you shall be persuaded may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Answer. **I am so persuaded, and have so determined, by God's grace.**

The Bishop. Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the doctrine, and sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded?

Answer. **I will so do, by the help of the Lord.**

The Bishop. Will you be ready with all faithful diligence to withstand all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations as need shall require and occasion shall be given?

Answer. **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of God and of his Kingdom?

Answer. **I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you be diligent to frame and fashion yourselves, and your families, according to

the doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as lieth in you, wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Answer. **I will apply myself thereto, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love, among all Christian people, and especially among them that shall be committed to your charge?

Answer. **I will so do, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you reverently obey your chief Ministers, unto whom is committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?

Answer. **I will so do, the Lord being my helper.**

Then shall the Bishop say:

Almighty God, who hath given you this will to do all these things, grant also unto you strength and power to perform the same; that he may accomplish his work which he hath begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[After this the Congregation shall be desired secretly in their Prayers to make their humble supplications to God for all these things: for the which Prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.]

After which shall be said by the Bishop, the Persons to be ordained Elders all kneeling, Veni, Creator Spiritus, the Bishop beginning, and the Elders and others that are present answering by verse as followeth:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight;
Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but ONE;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then the Bishop shall pray in this wise, and say:
Let us pray.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we bless and magnify thy holy name for the gift of thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and for all his Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers, and Pastors, whom he sent abroad into the world. For these so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and that thou hast called these thy servants here present to the same holy Office and Ministry, we render unto thee our most hearty thanks. And now, O Lord, we most humbly beseech thee to grant that by these thy Ministers, and by those over whom they shall be appointed, thy holy name may be forever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged, through

thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop and the Elders present shall lay their hands severally upon the head of every one that receiveth the Order of Elders; the Receivers humbly kneeling, and the Bishop saying:

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an Elder in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the Church, through the imposition of our hands. And be thou a faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of his Holy Sacraments; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop shall deliver to every one of them, kneeling, the Bible into his hands, saying:

Take thou authority as an Elder in the Church, to preach the Word of God, and to administer the Holy Sacraments in the Congregation.

Then the Bishop shall offer the following Prayer:

Most Merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessings, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to receive what they shall deliver out of thy Word as the means of our salvation; and that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy

most gracious favor, and further us by thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

[If on the same day the Order of Deacons be given to some, and that of Elders to others, the Deacons shall be first presented, and then the Elders. The Collects shall both be used; first that for Deacons, then that for Elders. The Epistle shall be Ephesians 4, as before in this office; immediately after which, they who are to be ordained Deacons shall be examined and ordained as is below prescribed. Then the Gospel having been read, which shall be John 10, as before in this office, they who are to be ordained Elders shall likewise be examined and ordained, as in this office before appointed.]

¶ 535. Form of Ordaining Deacons

[When the day appointed by the Bishop is come, a sermon or exhortation may be given, declaring the Duty and Office of such as come to be admitted to the Order of Deacons.]

After which, one of the Elders shall present unto the Bishop all them that are to be Ordained, and say:

I present unto you these persons to be ordained as
Deacons.

Then, their names having been read aloud, the Bishop shall say to the People:

BRETHREN, these are they whom we purpose, God willing, this day to ordain Deacons. For after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that

they are lawfully called to this function and ministry, and that they are persons meet for the same. But if there be any of you who knoweth any crime or impediment in any of them, for the which he ought not to be received into this holy Ministry, let him come forth in the name of God, and show what the crime or impediment is.

[If any crime or impediment be alleged, the Bishop shall desist from ordaining that person, until such time as the party accused shall be found clear of the same.]

Then shall be read the following Collect and Epistle:
The Collect

Almighty God, who by thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in thy Church, and didst inspire thy Apostles to choose into the Order of Deacons thy first martyr, Saint Stephen, with others: mercifully behold these thy servants, now called to the like Office and Administration; so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and good example they may faithfully serve thee in this Office to the glory of thy name, and the edification of thy Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Epistle. 1 Timothy 3. 8-13

Deacons in like manner *must be* grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. Women in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers

temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling *their* children and their own houses well. For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Then shall the Bishop, in the presence of the People, examine every one of those who are to be Ordained, after this manner following:

The Bishop. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the office of the Ministry in the Church of Christ, to serve God for the promoting of his glory and the edifying of his people?

Answer. **I trust so.**

The Bishop. Do you unfeignedly believe all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer. **I do believe them.**

The Bishop. Will you diligently read and expound the same unto the people whom you shall be appointed to serve?

Answer. **I will.**

The Bishop. It appertaineth to the office of a Deacon to assist the Elder in divine service, and especially when he ministereth the Holy Communion, to help him in the distribution thereof; to read and expound the Holy Scriptures; to instruct the youth; and to baptize. And furthermore, it is his office to search for the sick, poor, and impotent, that they may be visited and relieved. Will you do this gladly and willingly?

Answer. **I will do so, by the help of God.**

The Bishop. Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your own lives and the lives of

your families according to the doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourselves and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flock of Christ?

Answer. **I will do so, the Lord being my helper.**

The Bishop. Will you reverently obey them to whom the charge and government over you is committed, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions?

Answer. **I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper.**

Then the Bishop, laying his hands severally upon the head of every one of them, shall say:

Take thou authority to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then shall the Bishop deliver to every one of them the Bible, saying:

Take thou authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, and to preach the Word.

Then one appointed by the Bishop shall read the Gospel:

Luke 12. 35-38

Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find

watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, and if in the third, and find *them* so, blessed are those *servants*.

Immediately before the Benediction shall be said these Collects following:

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, who of thy great goodness hast vouchsafed to accept and take these thy servants into the office of Deacons in thy Church: make them, we beseech thee, O Lord, to be modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline; that they, continuing ever stable and strong in thy Son Jesus Christ, may so well behave themselves in this office that they may be found worthy to be called into the higher Ministries in thy Church, through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom be glory and honor, world without end. *Amen.*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

FORM OF CONSECRATION OF DEACONESSES

¶ 536. The following Order of Service may be preceded by a sermon or address, with such other exercises as may be desired; after which the President of the Conference Deaconess Board, or some one named, shall present those to be consecrated Deaconesses to the Bishop or other Consecrator.

Then shall be sung Hymn 411 or other appropriate hymn.

Then shall the following be read by the Leader and Congregation responsively:

For the gift of thyself in Jesus Christ,

We praise thee, O Lord!

For the life, the death and the resurrection of our Lord, and for His holy example,

We praise thee, O Lord!

For the abiding presence of Thy Holy Spirit,

We praise thee, O Lord!

For the glory of Christ's Kingdom and the assurance of its triumph,

We praise thee, O Lord!

For the high privilege of being co-laborers with thee,

We praise thee, O Lord!

For the purpose of the Church to extend thy Kingdom over the whole earth,

We praise thee, O Lord!

That thou wilt continue thy favor to us; that

we may be in harmony with thy will and fitted for thy purposes,

We beseech thee, O Lord!

That thou wilt save us from uncharity and selfishness, from vanity and self seeking, from dullness of heart and sins of the spirit,

We beseech thee, O Lord!

That thy richest blessing may be given to these who in this place and in this hour dedicate anew their lives to the ministry of their vocation; and that they may ever walk in the light of Thy truth, in the power of thy love, and in the fullness of thy life,

We beseech thee, O Lord!

Then shall be sung the Consecration Hymn (Tune, Gratitude, 410)

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until thy blessèd face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

After which the Consecrator shall say:

Let us pray. .

O Eternal God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst call Phoebe and Dorcas into the service of thy Church look upon *this* thy *servant* who is now to be set apart to the office of a Deaconess and grant *her* thy Holy Spirit, that *she* may worthily discharge the work committed to *her*, to the blessing of mankind and the praise of Thy Christ, our adorable Saviour. *Amen.*

Then shall the Consecrator address the Candidates, saying:

Dearly Beloved, we rejoice that a door of usefulness has been opened for you in the service of the Church. To you are accorded peculiar privileges and priceless opportunities. Released from other cares, you are to give *yourself* without reservation to the service of the Christ. Like him you will henceforth go about doing good. The Church now solemnly sets you apart for this special service. You are to minister to the poor and the rich, the ignorant and the educated, the sick and the dying, the orphaned and the sorrowing, the wandering, and the sinning. To you is committed instruction of the youth of the Church and the performance of many of its sacred services. Take good heed therefore, to its doctrines and to your own manner of life that you bring no reproach to the Church of the living God by precept

or example. This service confers a great honor, but also lays upon you a solemn responsibility. What you have done alone with God, in consecrating your life to this service, you are now to do formally and publicly in the presence of the Church.

Consecrator: Do you believe that you have been led by the providence of God to engage in this work, and to assume the duties of this office?

Answer: **I do.**

Consecrator: Do you, in the presence of God and of this congregation, promise faithfully to perform the duties of a Deaconess in the Church of God?

Answer: **I do.**

Consecrator: Do you fully accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God?

Answer: **I do.**

Consecrator: Will you strive so to live that you may convey the blessed sense of God's presence to the hearts and homes of those to whom you minister?

Answer: **I will.**

Then shall the Candidates kneel for a brief season in silent prayer, after which the Consecrator shall say:

May the Spirit of the Living God descend upon you and abide with you evermore. May He impart to you grace for every trial, and strength for every service. May His presence be to you a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night; and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and evermore. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Candidates rise, and the Consecrator,
taking the right hand of each one, shall say:*

I admit thee to the office of a Deaconess in the Church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then shall be given the Deaconess Pin and the
Consecrator shall say:*

This pin is presented to you in the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It symbolizes your call and commission as a servant of the Lord Christ. It is a visible expression of the confidence the Church has in you. May you wear it worthily.

*Then may be sung the Deaconess Hymn of Service
(Tune, Lancashire, 408)*

We thank thee, God our Father,
For all thy love and grace,
That service in thy kingdom
Finds everyone a place.
We thank thee for the favor
That marks our work and call,
That makes our life vocation
A ministry to all.

We pray thee give us guidance
To save lives gone astray;
And strength to share with others
The burdens of their day;

And music for the children
 Their songs of life to sing;
 While to the homes of sorrow
 May we thy comfort bring.

In homes and halls of mercy
 Where love with knowledge shares
 The joy of healing bodies,
 And sickened minds, of cares;
 We pray! Oh Great Physician,
 Thy knowledge of man's needs;
 That service be made perfect
 And faith be crowned with deeds.

To thee, O gracious Master,
 Thou Christ of Calvary—
 This life of love and service
 Our off'ring glad shall be.
 Be thou our guide and pattern,
 Be thou our strength and stay,
 Till earth shall end in heaven,
 And time, in endless day.

Benediction

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abun-

dantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

CHAPTER VII

CORNER STONE LAYING AND CHURCH DEDICATION

¶ 537. Form for Laying the Corner Stone of a Church

The Minister, standing near the place where the Stone is to be laid, shall say unto the Congregation:

DEARLY BELOVED, we are taught in the Word of God, that, although the heaven of heavens cannot contain the Eternal One, much less the walls of temples made with hands, yet his delight is ever with the sons of men, and that wherever two or three are gathered in his name, there is he in the midst of them. And in all ages his servants have separated certain places for his worship: as Jacob erected a stone in Bethel for God's house; as Moses made a tabernacle in the desert; as Solomon builded a temple for the Lord, which he filled with the glory of his presence before all the people. We are now assembled to lay the Corner Stone of a new house for the worship of the

God of our fathers. Let us not doubt that he will favorably approve our godly purpose, and let us now devoutly unite in singing his praise, and in prayer for his blessing on this our undertaking.

Let one of the Hymns 656-666, from The Hymnal, be sung.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Most glorious God, the heaven is thy throne and the earth is thy footstool; what house then can be builded for thee, or where is the place of thy rest? Yet, blessed be thy name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon the earth. And now, especially, we render thanks unto thy holy name that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to erect in this place a house for thy worship. We thank thee for thy grace which has inclined them to contribute of their substance for the glory of thy name: and we pray thee to continue thy blessing upon their pious undertaking. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that peace and harmony may prevail in the counsels of thy servants, and that no selfish or divided aims may find place among them. May the work of this building be completed without hurt or accident to any person, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant that all who shall hereafter worship thee in the temple here to be builded, may so serve and please thee in all holy exercises of godliness, that in the end they may come to that temple on high, even to

the holy place made without hands, whose builder and maker is God. *Amen.*

Accept these our prayers, we beseech thee, O Lord, for the sake of thy dear Son; and to thee, the only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be honor, praise, and glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister read the following Psalm, or the Minister and People may read it in alternate verses:

Psalm 132, 1-9, 13-16

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions: .

How he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,

Until I find out a place for the Lord, a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.

This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

The Lesson. 1 Corinthians 3. 9-17

For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire. Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

Then shall follow the Sermon, or an address suitable to the occasion, after which the Contributions of the People shall be received.

[Then shall the minister, standing by the stone, exhibit to the Congregation a box to be placed in an excavation of the stone. It may contain a copy of the Bible, the Hymn Book, the Discipline, the Church Year Book for the year, Church periodicals of recent date, the names of the pastors, trustees, and building committee of the Church, with such other documents as may be desired. A list of these may be read, after which the Minister shall deposit the box in the stone and cover it; and the stone shall be laid and adjusted by the Minister, assisted by the Builder.]

Then shall the Minister say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we lay this corner stone for the foundation of a house to be builded and consecrated to the service of Almighty God according to the order and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. *Amen.*

Here may be offered extemporary prayer.

Then shall the Minister and the People say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The service shall conclude with a Doxology and the Benediction.

¶ 538. Form for the Dedication of a Church

The Congregation being assembled in the Church, the Minister shall say:

DEARLY BELOVED, the Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to his name. We have heard how he filled the temple of Solomon with his glory and how in the second temple he manifested himself still more gloriously. And the gospel approves and commends the centurion who built a synagogue for the people. Let us not doubt that he will also favorably approve our purpose of

dedicating this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us now devoutly join in praise to his name, that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed, and in prayer for his further blessing upon all who have been engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter worship his name in this place.

Let one of the Hymns 656-666, from The Hymnal, be sung. Afterward let extemporary Prayer be offered, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the Congregation all kneeling.

Then shall the Minister, or some one appointed by him, read:

The First Lesson. 2 Chronicles 6. 1, 2, 18-21, 40-42;
7. 1-4

Then spake Solomon, Jehovah hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built thee a house of habitation, and a place for thee to dwell in for ever.

But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have builded! Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee; that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel,

when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. Now therefore arise, O Jehovah God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Jehovah God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. O Jehovah God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember *thy* lovingkindnesses to David thy servant.

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah filled Jehovah's house. And all the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshiped, and gave thanks unto Jehovah, *saying*, For he is good; for his lovingkindness *endureth* for ever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before Jehovah.

The Second Lesson. Hebrews 10. 19-25

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and *having* a great priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and

having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

Then shall one of the Hymns 656-666, from The Hymnal, be sung; after which the Minister shall deliver a Sermon suitable to the occasion. Contributions shall then be received from the People.

Then shall the Minister read the following Psalm, or the Minister and the Congregation may read it alternately:

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Then let the Trustees stand up before the Altar, and one of them, or some one in their behalf, say unto the Minister:

We present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a church for the worship and service of Almighty God.

Then shall the Minister request the Congregation to stand, while he repeats the following Declaration:

Dearly Beloved, it is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God, who has signally blessed his servants in their holy enterprise of erecting this church, we dedicate it to his service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the Discipline and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, let us now dedicate ourselves anew to the service of God. To him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. To him may our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory

of his great name, and to the advancement of his kingdom.

Then shall the Minister say these words of Dedication, all the People standing and responding in the words printed in black face type:

O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father:

To thee we dedicate this church.

Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head over all things to the Church, which is thy Body: Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, and King of thy people:

To thee we dedicate this church.

God the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, our Teacher, Sanctifier, and Comforter:

To thee we dedicate this church.

Eternal, Holy, and Glorious Trinity, three Persons, one God.

To thee we dedicate this church.

Then, the Congregation kneeling, the Minister shall offer the following Prayer:

O Most Glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging unto us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept the dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking. Receive the prayers and intercessions of all those thy servants who shall call upon thee in this house; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear. Affect them with a due apprehension of thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and com-

ing before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Regard, O Lord, the supplication of thy servants, that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism may ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ may come to that holy Ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and, being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain forgiveness of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to perform the same. *Amen.*

Now, therefore, arise O Lord, and come into this place of thy rest, thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thine eye be open toward this house day and night; and let thine ears be ready toward the prayers of thy children, which they shall make unto thee in this place. And whensoever thy servants shall make to thee their petitions here, do thou hear them from heaven, thy dwelling place, the throne of the glory of thy kingdom; and when thou hearest, forgive. Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that here and elsewhere thy ministers may be clothed with righteousness, and thy saints rejoice in thy salvation. And may we all, with thy people everywhere, grow up into a holy temple in the Lord, and be at last received into the glorious temple above; the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be glory and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

The service shall conclude with a Doxology and Benediction.

APPENDIX

NOTE.—The matter contained in the Appendix to the Discipline is sufficiently important to justify publication. Much of it is taken from the General Conference Journals, and is therefore the action of the General Conference. Some portions have been here inserted by specific direction; other portions are suggestive and useful, such as Post Office Addresses, Administrative Boards, Forms, and the Rules of Order of the General Conference. The Courses of Study have been prepared under the authority of the General Conference, and are inserted for convenient reference.

While unnecessary changes have been avoided, students of the Book of Discipline will note with pleasure a more distinct separation between THE CONSTITUTION and the LEGISLATION; and also the reference by paragraphs (§§) instead of pages in both the CONTENTS and the INDEX.

The statistical scheme has been greatly simplified and improved, and the Rules of Order have been restated by the Committee appointed by the General Conference.

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CHAPTER I

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CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND SOCIETIES

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UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

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2. John M. Arters.....	South Portland, Maine.....	1928
3. Louis M. Potter.....	198 Main Street, Hamburg, New York.....	1932
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8. G. M. Henderson.....	824 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.....	1928
9. C. A. J. Walker.....	905 First National Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1932
10. H. S. Hamilton.....	655 North Hayes Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho.....	1928
11. Claude C. Hall.....	1715½ West Broadway, Mount Vernon, Illinois.....	1928
12. J. Luther Taylor.....	Pittsburg, Kansas.....	1928
13. M. S. Davage.....	Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia.....	1932
14. Dorr F. Diefendorf.....	351 William Street, East Orange, New Jersey.....	1928
15. Horace M. Havner.....	Marengo, Iowa.....	1932
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20. Frank S. Wallace.....	1263 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, California.....	1928
21. M. J. Naylor.....	5302 Scheuly Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	1932

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CHAPTER III

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

¶ 564. Program for the General Conference

Whereas, The action of the General Conference of 1908 as it appears on pages 383 and 449 of the *Journal* of that year, reenacted in 1912 and again in 1916 and again in 1920, pages 440 and 441, has proved not only practicable, but very helpful to the orderly conduct of business, especially during the earlier sessions of this Conference; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee having in charge the arrangement for the next General Conference be requested to provide that the Memorial session be held on the afternoon of the first or second Sunday following the assembly of the General Conference, and that the Bishops be a Committee to arrange for such service, and if for any reason it shall seem desirable to them to have one Memorial address, they shall so arrange.

Resolved, That all receptions to fraternal delegates be held at evening sessions of the General Conference and, as far as possible, within the first two weeks of the session.

Resolved, That there shall be one Episcopal Address

to include all matters to be brought before the Conference by the General Superintendents, said address to be delivered at the second regular session of the Conference; and that evening sessions be set apart for the proper presentation of reports by the General Superintendents who have administered foreign Mission fields, if this shall be found practicable.

Resolved, That the Book Committee and its commission on entertainment and the Secretary of the General Conference be directed to cooperate with each other in making such advance provisions for the next General Conference or for the General Conference of 1928 as will expedite its business, such provisions to be reported to the General Conference, and to be subject to change by the Conference.

Resolved, That memorials, resolutions, and requests to be submitted to the Standing Committees may be sent to the Secretary of this General Conference or his assistant at any time within four months of the date of the convening of the next General Conference, and shall be arranged by him for immediate distribution to the several Standing Committees; and,

Resolved, further, That to facilitate the work of the next General Conference the General Conference Commission on Entertainment be instructed to have installed an amplifier or such other approved appliance for voice amplification as may then be in use and available.

¶ 565. Traveling Expenses of Delegates

Resolved, 1. That the traveling expenses of each delegate to and from the seat of the General Conference shall be paid in the proportion that the number of days of his attendance is to the number of days of the session of the General Conference,¹ the only exception being on

¹See Rule 41 (1).

account of personal sickness of the delegate, the exceptions to be determined by the Committee on Credentials.

2. When a delegate is excused and no reserve is seated in his place, he shall receive the proportional part of his traveling expenses as required by our rules, and his per diem during the time he serves.

3. When a reserve delegate takes the place of a delegate it shall be with the distinct understanding that there shall be no additional expense, except in cases where vacancies are created as a result of elections by this body.

4. After the twenty-second day of the session no reserve delegate shall be seated, unless without additional expense.—*Journal, 1920.*

¶ 566. Rules of Order of the General Conference

ORGANIZATION

RULE 1. When a General Conference shall have been convened in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, after the Devotional Services, the call of the roll shall be made by the Secretary of the preceding General Conference in the following manner:

(a) The names of the Bishops who have died during the quadrennium, and the name of every delegate-elect who may have died since election.

(b) The names of the General Superintendents followed by the names of the Missionary Bishops.

(c) The roll of members by Conferences. Whenever a Conference is called, the Chairman of the delegation shall report the name of any delegate that is absent. If no absentee is announced, the secretary shall record all the delegates of that Conference as present. And, if a quorum is present, the Conference shall proceed to organization by the election of a Secretary, by ballot if there be more than one nomination, otherwise by

acclamation; and by the election of such Assistant Secretaries, upon nomination of the Secretary, as it may deem necessary.

TIME OF MEETING, RECESS, AND ADJOURNMENT

RULE 2. *After the opening session*, the General Conference shall meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12:30 P. M. The first *half hour* of the morning session shall be devoted to religious exercises, conducted by the presiding officer or by some other person designated for such service. The General Conference, however, may alter the time of meeting and may adjourn and fix the time to which it shall adjourn. A recess of ten minutes shall be taken at 10:30 o'clock unless otherwise ordered.

THE PRESIDENT

RULE 3. *The President shall take the chair* precisely at the hour to which the General Conference stood adjourned, and cause the session to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. On the appearance of a quorum he shall see that the business of the Conference proceeds regularly, according to the Rules of Order, and such other regulations as may be adopted by the General Conference.

RULE 4. *The President shall decide all questions of order*, subject to an appeal to the General Conference. In case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate, except that the appellant shall state the grounds of his appeal, and the President shall state the grounds of his decision.

RULE 5. *The President shall appoint all Committees*, unless otherwise especially ordered by the Conference.

RULE 6. *On assigning the floor* to a member and before the member speaks, the President shall ascertain and distinctly announce the name of the delegate and of the Annual Conference which he represents.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

RULE 7. *The regular order of business shall be:*

I. DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL.¹

III. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES.²

The following calls shall be made in the order herein given, and shall be severally completed before the introduction of other business, except by a suspension of the rules. They shall be repeated, in the same order, until dispensed with by a formal vote.

IV. CALL OF THE CONFERENCES—Annual, Central and Central Mission—in alphabetical order for the presentation of written resolutions *for immediate passage*.

(1) When a resolution has been presented and read under the Call of Conferences, and before the person who introduces the resolution shall speak, the question of consideration shall be raised by the Chair asking: "Is there objection to consideration?" If objection be raised, the question of consideration shall then be put without debate, and if there is a two-thirds vote *against* consideration the resolution shall not be entertained; but if consideration be not denied, the person introducing the resolution may then speak to it.

(2) If after the person introducing the resolution has spoken, a motion of reference be *immediately* made it shall be decided without debate. This motion to refer may be amended and such amendments shall be decided without debate and in the reverse order of their presentation. If no motion to refer be made or if a motion to refer has been negatived, the proposition shall be regarded as in possession of the house and its discussion shall be subject to the ordinary rules governing debate.

¹See Rule 40, §1.

²See Rule 42.

(3) A motion to defer consideration and print in *The Daily Advocate* shall be decided without debate. If sustained by one hundred and fifty members it shall prevail; in which case the resolution shall be given precedence at the next session of the General Conference immediately after recess; *provided*, however, that a resolution which has been refused consideration shall not be printed in *The Daily Advocate* or the General Conference Journal.

V. CALENDAR.

Following every completed Call of the Conferences, the reports of the several Standing and Special Committees shall be called in the order in which they are filed with the Secretary of the General Conference, except as otherwise determined by the General Conference.

VI. CALL OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Following the completion of the Call under V there shall be the Call of Miscellaneous Business which shall be conducted under the special rules as provided for the Call of the Conferences in IV.

DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

RULE 8. *No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the General Conference without leave, unless he be unable to attend.*

RULE 9. When a member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the General Conference, he shall rise and respectfully address the President but shall not proceed until recognized by him. The member must address the Chair from his place, but he shall speak to the General Conference from the speaker's platform. In the consideration of reports of General Conference Commissions, Standing or Special Committees, the person claiming the floor shall announce from his place upon which side he proposes to speak. If that side of the question has been presented by

the speaker immediately preceding, and if the floor be immediately claimed by one upon the other side, the latter claim shall be recognized. In any case if a speaker takes the platform without challenge he shall be entitled to all the rights of debate; provided, however, that no report shall be finally decided or debate upon a main question be closed without an opportunity for the presentation of that side of the question which has not been previously presented by not more than two speakers.

RULE 10. *No member shall be interrupted* when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

RULE 11. *When a member desires to speak to a question of privilege* he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to speak to the house until the President shall have heard the question of privilege and decided that it is a privileged question. Questions of privilege are strictly limited to matters relating to the rights and welfare of the individual as a member or of the whole body; and must be of such immediate urgency as to justify the interruption of the regular order.

It shall be the imperative duty of the President to require the member who desires to speak to a question of privilege to state his question of privilege. This having been done, the President shall decide whether it shall be allowed; and, if it be allowed, shall hold the member closely to the subject. See RULE 42.

RULE 12. *No person shall speak more than once* on the same question until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten

minutes at one time, without leave of the General Conference.

Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman, or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or, this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt. The committee shall not be deprived of its right to close the debate even after the previous question has been ordered, and, when a report consisting of two or more propositions has a seriatim consideration, the chairman or representative of the committee shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges on each proposition, thus decided separately, as he would have had if the report had been considered as a unit. A similar privilege is granted to the chairman in charge of a minority report. See RULE 51 and RULE 52.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RULE 13. *Resolutions shall be written and presented in duplicate by the mover.* A motion shall be reduced to writing if the President, Secretary, or a member request it. If the General Conference shall order a resolution to be referred to a committee, then the mover shall furnish to the Secretary a *third copy thereof* for the use of the committee.

RULE 14. *Reading.* All written motions, reports, and communications to the General Conference shall be passed to the Secretary, to be read by him to the General Conference.

RULE 15. *When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference.*

RULE 16. *The following motions shall be taken without debate:*

- (1) To adjourn.
- (2) To suspend the rules.
- (3) To lay on the table.
- (4) To take from the table.
- (5) To raise the question of consideration.
- (6) To call for the previous question.
- (7) To reconsider a nondebatable motion.
- (8) To refer, *only* under Rules 7 (2) and 19.
- (9) To defer and print, *only* under Rule 7 (3).

RULE 17. *No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; but one or more of the following motions may be made, and they shall have precedence in the order in which they are given, namely:*

- (1) To fix the time to which the General Conference shall adjourn (may be amended, substituted, or laid on the table).
- (2) To adjourn.
- (3) To take a recess.
- (4) To lay on the table.
- (5) To order the previous question (cannot be laid on the table).
- (6) To postpone to a given time.
- (7) To refer.
- (8) To substitute.
- (9) To amend.
- (10) To postpone indefinitely.

NOTE.—The motions “to Lay on the Table” or “To Postpone Indefinitely” shall not apply to certain reports from the Committee on Judiciary. See Rule 40, § 3 (2).

RULE 18. *Only one amendment to an amendment shall be in order, but it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question, and one amendment to the substitute, and if the substitute is accepted, it shall replace the original proposition.*

RULE 19. *It shall be in order to move the previous*

question—that is, that the question be taken without further debate—on any measure pending, except in cases in which moral character is involved. If the call for the previous question be sustained by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall be put; nevertheless, under this rule, after the previous question has been ordered, it shall be in order to divide, or to move to refer or to recommit or to lay on the table. It shall not be in order for a member to move the previous question or to move to lay on the table or to offer any other motion that closes debate at the end of a speech in which he has discussed the pending question.

RULE 20. *When a vote is about to be taken* any member shall have the right to call for the division of a question, if it be divisible into distinct propositions.

RULE 21. *The motion to adjourn* shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, *except*

(1) When a member has the floor.

(2) When a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken, or until finally decided.

(3) When a question is pending on sustaining the demand for the previous question.

(4) When the previous question has been called and sustained, and action under it is pending.

(5) When a motion to adjourn has been negatived, and no business or debate has intervened.

(6) When a motion to fix the time to which the General Conference shall adjourn is pending.

RULE 22. *Reconsideration.* When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the General Conference, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration; provided, that a motion to reconsider a nondebatable motion shall be decided without debate.

RULE 23. *Changes of Discipline.* All resolutions proposing changes of the *Discipline* shall state the language

of the paragraph, the line to be altered, and the language to be substituted; and no such proposed change shall be considered until it has been in the possession of the General Conference for one day and shall have been printed in *The Daily Christian Advocate*; but while it is under consideration amendments which are germane shall be in order.

RULE 24. *When any member shall move the reference of any portion of the Journal of an Annual, Central, or Central Mission Conference to any committee he must at the same time furnish a copy of the portion he wishes to have referred, prepared as provided by Rule 32 in the case of memorials.*

VOTING

RULE 25. *Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is put shall vote, unless, for special reasons, excused by the General Conference. A member who is not within the bar at the time when a question shall be put by the President shall not be allowed to vote except by leave of the General Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.*

RULE 26. *Voting shall be by the uplifted hand, but, on a division of the house, a count vote shall be taken, the members rising in their places and standing until they shall have been counted. Votes may also be taken by ballot and by AYES and NOES.*

RULE 27. *Ayes and Noes.* It shall be in order for any member to call for the AYES and NOES on any question before the General Conference, and if the call be sustained by one hundred members, the vote thereon shall be so taken. If the call be not sustained, members voting in the minority may have their votes recorded. The AYES and NOES may be taken in the following manner: Each member shall write his name and vote on the official ballot, to be inspected and the totals reported by the several chairmen of the conference delegations, and passed to the Secretary of the

General Conference for record. The Secretary of the General Conference shall prepare uniform blanks for the taking of such ballot, and shall publish the detailed vote by Conferences in the *Journal* and *The Daily Advocate*.

RULE 28. *Order of voting.* In voting when there is a substitute, and amendments have been proposed to the original resolution and an amendment to the substitute has been moved, the General Conference shall pursue the following order, namely: The main question shall first be perfected by voting on the amendments proposed thereto, and then the General Conference shall vote upon the amendment to the substitute, then upon the question of substitution, and finally upon the question of adoption.

RULE 29. *A call for a vote by orders* shall be made and seconded by members of the same order, and shall require the vote of one-third of the members of that order present and voting.

RULE 30. *When voting by orders* the separation shall be merely in regard to the taking, announcing, deciding, and recording the vote of each order on the question on which the separate vote is demanded. Any incidental question bearing upon such vote shall be decided by the General Conference acting as one body. In taking a vote by orders it shall be by a count vote, first of the order calling for the separate vote and then of the other order.

MEMORIALS, RESOLUTIONS, AND PAPERS FOR UN- ANNOUNCED REFERENCE

RULE 31. *Memorials.* Three copies of memorials, resolutions, and miscellaneous papers for reference to a committee, and not for *immediate passage*, shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary without announcement.

RULE 32. *Members presenting such memorials, petitions, and other papers for reference* shall prepare the papers by writing plainly on the back of them, after

folding, the following items in the order herein given, namely :

- (1) Name of member presenting paper.
- (2) Conference to which he belongs.
- (3) Conference, member, or church from which the paper comes.
- (4) Subject to which it relates.
- (5) First name on the petition.
- (6) Number of other petitioners.
- (7) Committee to which it is to be referred.

RULE 33. Memorials, resolutions, and other papers thus presented shall be *delivered directly to the Secretary* of the General Conference, in triplicate, and shall be sent by him to the Committee on Reference (see RULE 40, § 2) and announced in the Journal of the day ; provided, that in case of memorials and documents of unusual length, which are not intended for publication, one complete original copy shall be required, and two copies of the indorsement thereon, as required by this paragraph.

RULE 34. *Memorials, petitions, etc.*, for reference to committees may be mailed to the Secretary of the General Conference at any time within four months previous to the session of the General Conference, for early classification and reference to the several Standing Committees.

RULE 35. *There shall be fourteen Standing Committees as follows:*

COMMITTEES

- I. Episcopacy.
- II. Judiciary.
- III. Itinerancy.
- IV. Boundaries.
- V. Revision.
- VI. Temporal Economy.
- VII. State of the Church.
- VIII. Book Concern.

IX. Foreign Missions.

X. Home Missions and Church Extension.

XI. Education.

XII. Pensions and Relief.

XIII. Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work.

XIV. Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals.

RULE 36. *The Committee on Judiciary* shall consist of twenty-five members to be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of a special committee consisting of the Secretary of the General Conference and the elected Chairmen of the other Standing Committees. This Committee shall meet at such times as it shall determine or as may be ordered by the General Conference.

RULE 37. *The Committee on Revision* shall consist of nine members to be nominated by the Bishops and elected by the General Conference. It shall meet at such times as it shall determine or as may be ordered by the General Conference.

RULE 38. *The other Standing Committees* shall be divided into two groups, designated as GROUP A, meeting at 3 P. M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; GROUP B, meeting at 3 P. M. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; as follows:

GROUP A.—*Monday, Wednesday, Friday.*

Episcopacy.

Itinerancy.

Boundaries.

Temporal Economy.

State of the Church.

Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work.

GROUP B.—*Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.*

Book Concern.

Foreign Missions.

Home Missions.

Education.

Pensions and Relief.**Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.**

RULE 39. *Assignment to Standing Committees.* As soon as practicable after the election of delegates the Secretary of each Annual Conference shall call together the ministerial and lay delegates for organization. They shall elect one of their number chairman, and shall assign one minister and one layman to membership in each standing committee, except the Committees on Judiciary and on Revision. The chairman of the delegation shall immediately forward to the Secretary of the General Conference the names and addresses of the delegates from his Conference, arranged alphabetically, indicating the order to which each belongs, and the standing committees in GROUP A or GROUP B, to which each is assigned; and from these returns the Secretary of the General Conference shall construct as far as possible, the roll of standing committees in advance of the opening of the General Conference.

RULE 40. *Reference of memorials, petitions, appeals, and other documents* properly referable to committees of the General Conference.

§ 1. On the first day of the session there shall be elected, on nomination of the Bishops, a committee of five to which shall be submitted the Secretary's record with the stenographic report of the proceedings. The said committee shall carefully examine the records and report to the General Conference in either of the following forms, which shall be strictly followed:

- (1) "We have examined the Minutes and found them correct"; or,
- (2) "We have examined the Minutes and found them correct except in the following particular or particulars."

If the report of the Committee be in form (1) the question shall be submitted, Shall the Journal be ap-

proved? If the report of the Committee be in form (2), The question shall be submitted:

a. Shall the report of the Committee be adopted?

b. Shall the Journal as corrected in accordance with the report of the Committee be approved?

Any error subsequently discovered shall be reported to the committee and upon its recommendation may be corrected by the General Conference.

§ 2. There shall be a *Committee of Reference* composed of the Secretary of the General Conference and two ministerial and two lay delegates who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the General Conference, of which committee the Secretary of the General Conference shall be Secretary.

(1) *The Committee of Reference*, as soon as appointed, shall meet and organize by electing a chairman from its number. The General Conference Secretary may also appoint an Assistant Secretary to cooperate with him in keeping the records of this committee, which records shall be made a part of the Journal of the General Conference. To this committee shall be referred all petitions, memorials, appeals, and other documents, not otherwise provided for, presented to and requiring action of the General Conference.

(2) *The Committee of Reference* as expeditiously as possible shall refer and distribute all petitions, memorials, appeals, and other documents properly referable to the committees provided by the Rules of Order and to such other committees as are or may be provided by the Rules of Order or especially created by the Conference. Reference of all petitions, memorials, appeals, and other documents to the said several committees shall be made as indicated generally by the title of the committees, and hereafter particularly specified.

(3) *The Committee of Reference* shall number consecutively its references to the several committees and shall publish the number, title, and committee reference

of all documents referred during the preceding day in *The Daily Christian Advocate*.

(4) *The Committee of Reference* shall have power to withdraw a reference, either upon request or upon its own motion, and to refer the same to another committee; the said committee shall also have power to withhold from reference and publication any document which it shall deem personal, or which is not properly referable to any existing committee, or it may recommend to the General Conference the appointment of a special committee to consider such document. The General Conference may, on motion, require any document withheld from reference to be properly referred.

§ 3. The following special references shall be made:

(1) *To the Committee on Episcopacy*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the General and Missionary Superintendency.

(2) *To the Committee on Judiciary*, all appeals coming to the General Conference under the provisions of the Discipline, rulings of the Bishops and all other questions specifically referred to it by the General Conference. It shall not be in order to "Lay on the Table" or to "Postpone Indefinitely" reports from the Committee on the Judiciary dealing with questions specifically referred to it by the General Conference.

(3) *To the Committee on Itinerancy*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Pastorate, the District Superintendency, Annual Conference Membership, Conference Claimants and the Local Ministry (except the matter of Pensions and Relief), and also Annual Conference Journals.

(4) *To the Committee on Boundaries*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Boundaries of the Conferences.

(5) *To the Committee on Revision*, shall be sent all committee reports for the correction of verbal errors and infelicities only, except the reports of the Committees on

Judiciary and Boundaries, as they finally pass the General Conference and before their final printing in *The Daily Christian Advocate*. To the Committee on Revision the General Conference also may refer any resolution or report for more careful and exact statement.

(6) *To the Committee on Temporal Economy*, all memorials, petitions, and documents relating to the organization, business, and administration of the Quarterly, District, Annual, and General Conferences, and also matters relating to Lay Conference, Ratio of Representation, and all matters relating to church membership, property, finance, and other temporal matters, including statistical reports.

(7) *To the Committee on State of the Church*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to social service, labor, Sabbath observance, divorce, amusements, and the social and spiritual welfare of the church not clearly belonging to other committees.

(8) *To the Committee on Book Concern*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Book Concern, the Book Committee, publications, and publishing interests.

(9) *To the Committee on Foreign Missions*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Board of Foreign Missions, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and all other matters relating to Foreign Missionary Work.

(10) *To the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Woman's Home Missionary Society, City Evangelization, the Rural Church, and all other matters relating to Home Missionary work.

(11) *To the Committee on Education*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to the Board of Education, our higher institutions of learning, Courses of Study, and all other questions affecting the educa-

tional interests of the church; relating to Education for Negroes and all other matters affecting the educational interests of the colored people; relating to Sunday Schools, Methodist Brotherhood, Sunday School literature, and all other matters affecting our Sunday school work; relating to our Young People's work, the literature of the Epworth League, and other matters affecting the interests of the League.

(12) *To the Committee on Pensions and Relief*, all memorials, petitions and other documents relating to the subject of Pensions and Relief for our preachers, missionaries, deaconesses and other Church workers.

(13) *To the Committee on Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess work.

(14) *To the Committee on Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals*, all memorials, petitions, and other documents relating to Temperance, Prohibition, Habit-forming Drugs, the Social Evil, and other questions on the attitude of the church toward public morals.

RULE 41. *The General Conference shall elect* the following special committees to consist of one member from each Episcopal Area, to be nominated by the Bishops at the morning session of the third day:

American Bible Society.

Federation.

Also special committees on Credentials, Complimentary Resolutions, and on Fraternal Delegates, to be nominated by the Bishops at the opening session; and such other committees as the General Conference from time to time shall determine.

(1) The Committee on Credentials shall consider and report upon the membership of the Conference, the absence of members and the seating of reserves, together with all other questions directly related to the attendance or excuse of members. The report of this Com-

mittee shall be the basis of settlement with the members in the matter of *per diem* allowance.

(2) The Committee on Fraternal Delegates shall consist of eleven members. This Committee shall see to the entertainment of Fraternal Delegates, their presentation and introduction. To this Committee shall be referred formal communications of greeting coming from other churches or religious bodies. Replies to such communications shall be prepared by this Committee, and if adopted by the General Conference, said replies shall be forwarded in the form approved.

RULE 42. *On the first day of the session there shall be elected*, on nomination of the Bishops, a committee of nine on Questions of Privilege. To this committee any member of the body shall submit what he considers a question of privilege relative to the business of the General Conference. Said committee shall determine whether the matter so submitted is or is not a question of privilege. All matters approved by the committee as matters of privilege shall be reported to the presiding officer and acted upon each day immediately after the approval of the Journal. The appointment of such a committee, however, shall not be construed as abridging in any measure the right of any member to bring forward at any time, from his place on the floor, such matters of urgency as involve the rights or welfare of the individual member or of the house. (See RULE 11.)

RULE 43. *A business quorum of a Standing Committee* shall be thirty-five, except that for the Committees on Judiciary and on Revision a majority of all the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 44. Committees shall not originate business, but shall consider and report on all subjects specifically referred to them by the General Conference and shall give consideration to all memorials and petitions received not later than the tenth business day of the Gen-

eral Conference, and report on all subjects coming before them, but not necessarily on all memorials.

RULE 45. *A Committee shall not consider* a matter which the General Conference has refused to refer to it.

RULE 46. *When a matter has been received* by the General Conference, and referred to a committee, and a report thereon has been made, it shall not be in order for another committee to consider the same subject, or for the General Conference to entertain a report from another committee on the same subject; but should a committee ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has been referred also to another committee, it shall report the fact to the Committee on Reference, which shall assign the paper to the proper committee unless it be in doubt, in which case it shall report the matter to the General Conference for its decision.

RULE 47. *Whenever in any committee* any change in the *Discipline* is adopted which will affect the work of any of the Boards of the Church, whose work is under consideration by one of the Standing Committees, a Committee of Conference, which shall be composed of three members from each Standing Committee involved, shall be appointed by the chairman of each committee; which Committee of Conference shall consider said proposed legislation and report back to their respective committees before any report on the proposed legislation is made to the General Conference.

RULE 48. *There shall not be reported* as coming from a committee any matter which has not been considered and acted upon by the committee duly assembled.

RULE 49. *Committee reports which propose changes* of the *Discipline* shall recite not only the paragraph and line to be amended, but also the paragraph as amended.

REPORTS

RULE 50. Reports of Standing Committees signed by the chairman and secretary, and minority reports signed

by at least ten members, shall be considered to be in the possession of the General Conference when they shall have been printed in *The Daily Christian Advocate*. In a minority report from the Committee on Judiciary one signature shall be sufficient. Minority reports shall bear the same serial numbers, with proper alphabetical notations, as the majority reports for which they are offered as substitutes. If there be two or more such reports they shall be considered in their alphabetical order. All such reports shall be presented to the Conference upon paper bearing at the top the number of the report, the name of the committee, the total membership of the committee, the number present at the time the report was adopted, the number voting for the report, and the number voting against the report. Reports of General Conference Commissions and Special Committees shall be printed in *The Daily Christian Advocate* before being presented to the Conference and shall not be read to the General Conference without order of the Conference.

RULE 51. *When the chairman of a committee is not in harmony with a report ordered by the committee, it shall be his duty to state the fact to the committee, and the committee shall elect one of its members to represent it in the presentation and discussion of the report in the General Conference; but, if in such a case the committee fail to select such a representative, the chairman shall designate a member to represent the action of the committee, and said representative shall have all the rights and privileges of the chairman in relation to such report.*

RULE 52. *The person designated to present the minority report shall have all the privileges in reference to the minority report that are given in Rule 12 to the chairman presenting a majority report; except that the chairman presenting the majority report shall have the right of closing the debate on the question of substituting the minority report for the majority report.*

MISCELLANEOUS

RULE 53. The roll call at the close of the General Conference shall follow the order as provided in Rule 1, items (b) and (c).

RULE 54. *Demonstrations* of approval or disapproval during the progress of debate shall be deemed a breach of order.

RULE 55. *No persons, except members, ushers, and pages shall stand* in the open spaces in the room.

RULE 56. *The ushers* shall keep the aisles clear for their proper use, and none but delegates shall be admitted within the inclosure reserved for the delegates.

RULE 57. *In all matters not specified* herein the proceedings of the General Conference shall be governed by Common Parliamentary Law.

RULE 58. *These rules may be suspended* at any time by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.

CHAPTER IV

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORTS AND
RESOLUTIONS

¶ 567. Examination of Annual Conference Journals

The examination of Annual Conference Journals by the General Conference shall be upon the following points:

§ 1. The journal shall be a copy of the regular proceedings of the Conference, arranged as far as possible according to the Standard Table of Contents as follows:

- I. Officers of the Conference.
- II. Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
- III. Daily Proceedings.
- IV. Disciplinary Questions.

V. Appointments.

VI. Reports—

- (a) District Superintendents.
- (b) Standing Committees and Boards.
- (c) Special Committees.
- (d) Conference Statistician.
- (e) Conference Treasurer.
- (f) Other Treasurers.
- (g) Miscellaneous.

VII. Memoirs.

VIII. Roll of the Dead.

- (a) Members of Conference.
- (b) Widows of Deceased Members; Wives of Members.

IX. Historical.

- (a) Sermons and Historical Addresses.
- (b) Former Members and Probationers.
- (c) Conference Sessions.
- (d) General.

X. Miscellaneous.

- (a) Plan of Conference Examinations.
- (b) Conference Rules of Order.
- (c) Supplies and Local Preachers.
- (d) Lay Associations.

XI. Pastoral Record.

XII. Index.

§ 2. This Table of Contents shall be printed in the Annual Conference Journal immediately following the title page.

§ 3. The Journal shall have a title page and shall be signed by the President and Secretary of each Session.

§ 4. The Journal must be either in manuscript or printed and substantially bound; if the latter, in Quadrennial volumes, and so paged consecutively.

§ 5. If printed and bound, there should be the Secretary's Certificate that the volume is a complete and cor-

rect record of the proceedings, and that it was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

§ 6. There shall be proper headings of pages, marginal or subheads, and clearness and accuracy of statement of the business transacted.

§ 7. Chirography, orthography, and the neat, businesslike appearance of the page should be noted; also erasures, interlineations, and pastings.

§ 8. Separate items of business shall be placed in separate paragraphs.

§ 9. The Journal shall state where the sessions were held, the names of makers of motions, and the findings of committees of trials. The Disciplinary Questions shall be properly noted, together with their answers; also the action on each motion, and the decisions of the Bishop on questions of law.

§ 10. Any action adverse to the polity, the unity, or the purity of the Church should be carefully noted.

§ 11. The Annual Conference Secretaries shall prepare their Conference Records in view of examination at the General Conference.

§ 12. The Committee on Itinerancy, after examination of the Journals, shall return them to the respective delegations.

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Report on Conference Journals

Your Committee on Itinerancy, to which was referred for examination the journals of the Annual, Central Missions and Mission Conferences and Missions, reports as follows:

§ 1. Journals that are found to comply with the disciplinary requirements are—Baltimore, Blue Ridge-Atlantic, California German, Central Alabama, Central Illinois, Central New York, Central Swedish, Chicago German, Dakota, Detroit, Des Moines, East German, East Maine, Eastern Swedish, Erie, Genesee, Illinois, Kansas, Korea, Maine, Montana, Newark, New England, New England Southern, New Jersey, New York

East, North Indiana, Northern Minnesota, Northwest Iowa, Northwest Kansas, Northwest Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pacific German, Philadelphia, Puget Sound, Saint Louis, Southern California, Upper Mississippi, Vermont, Washington, West German, Wyoming.

Bulgaria, Burma, Chile, Denmark, European Central, Finland, Hinghua, Kiangsi, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands Indies, New Mexico, North Africa, North Andes, North China, North Germany, North Sumatra, Northwest India, Norway, North European Central, Pacific Chinese, Southeast Africa, Sweden, South Germany, Southern Swedish, Switzerland.

§ 2. The following Conference Journals were found to be defective according to the requirements of the *Discipline*, ¶ 569 (*Discipline*, 1920), in the points indicated by numbers:

Alabama, 2, 3, 10; Atlanta, 1, 5; California, 1; Central German, 1; Central Pennsylvania, 1, 4; Central Tennessee, 1, 10; Colorado, 1, 3; Columbia River, 1; Delaware, 3; East Tennessee, 1, 2, 6; Florida, 1; Georgia, 1; Gulf, 1, 2, 3, 4; Holston, 3, 4; Indiana, 1, 9; Iowa, 6; Kentucky, 2, 5; Lincoln, 1, 10; Little Rock, 4, 9; Michigan, 1; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 1, 6; Mississippi, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Hampshire, 1, 4; New York, 5; North Carolina, 1, 5, 9; North-East Ohio, 1, 5; North Montana, 1, 3, 4; Northern German, 1; Norwegian and Danish, 2, 4, 9; Northwest German, 1; Northwest Indiana, 1; Northern New York, 1, 3; North Dakota, 1, 4, 5; Oregon, 1, 6; Pacific-Swedish, 1, 4; Pittsburgh, 1, 4; Rock River, 1, 5, 9; Saint Louis German, 1; Saint Johns River, 1, 4, 9; Savannah, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7; Southern German 1, 4, 7; Southern Illinois, 1, 2, 3; Southwest Kansas 1, 3, 6; South Carolina, 1; Texas, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Troy, 5; Western Norwegian-Danish, 1; West Ohio, 1; Western Swedish, 5; West Virginia, 1, 2; West Wisconsin, 1; Wilmington, 2, 4; Wisconsin, 6; Wyoming State, 4, 6.

Bengal, 1; Bombay, 1; Central China, 1; Southern Asia Central Conference, 1; Central Provinces, 1; Eastern Asia Central Conference, 1, 4; Eastern South America, 6; Foochow, 5; Hawaii, 1, 3, 4, 5; Indus River, 1; Italy, 1, 4; Liberia, 2, 4; Lucknow, 4; North India, 4; North China, 1; Pacific-Japanese, 5; Pacific Swedish, 1; Philippine Islands, 4, 5; Porto Rico, 1, 4, 9; Rhodesia, 1; South India, 1; South Africa Central Conference, 7, 8; West China, 1, 4; Yenping, 4.

§ 3. Journals were not presented from Central Missouri, Lexington, Louisiana, Northern Swedish, South Florida, Tennessee, Upper Iowa, Utah, West Texas.

Angola, Bolivia, Baltic, Congo, English-Speaking Mission in India, France Mission, Hungary, Japanese Council, Jugo-Slavia, Panama, Russia.

§ 4. Maine Journal correct, a joint journal of the Maine and East Maine Conferences.

¶ 569. Report of Committee on Revision of Legislation of the Benevolent Boards

Your Committee appointed to edit and recommend necessary changes in the constitutions of the several Boards to correspond with report Number 4 of the Committee on Temporal Economy makes the following report:

§ 1. The action taken by the General Conference upon the said report does not make any change in the *Discipline* affecting the election of the corresponding secretaries of the following Boards, to wit: The Board of Foreign Missions; the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; The Board of Conference Claimants, authorized to be changed to the Board of Pensions and Relief, and The Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals.

In order to place the responsibility for the coordination and merging of the work of the several Boards which you have directed shall be combined into one

Board under the style and title of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we recommend that the person elected as corresponding secretary of the Board of Education for the Quadrennium shall also be declared elected to serve as corresponding secretary of the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools and the Board of the Epworth League until said merger shall be consummated; and that the salary of the said corresponding secretary shall be paid by the Board of Education and shall not exceed the salary now paid to a corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. We further recommend that the present corresponding secretaries of the said Boards be appointed by the General Conference as department heads of their respective Boards until the merger shall have been completed.

§ 2. The Committee also further recommends that pending the merging of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board the present corresponding secretaries of the said Boards be appointed by the General Conference as department heads of their respective Boards until the merger shall have been completed.

§ 3. The Committee further recommends that the World Service Commission be empowered to authorize a change in the name of the departments of the Board of Education if desired and to authorize the organization of an additional department if it shall be found necessary to accomplish the best results in the consolidation of the four Boards, namely: the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools and the Board of the Epworth League. Your Committee further recommends that the work heretofore committed to the respective Boards about to be merged shall, after the elimination of all duplication, be emphasized as an integral part of the main task of the consolidated organization.

§ 4. We recommend that the responsibility for the consummation of the mergers of the several boards ordered by the General Conference shall be placed upon the World Service Commission and that the several Boards ordered to be merged shall promptly take such action to consummate the said mergers as may be ordered by the World Service Commission or its duly authorized subcommittee.

The Committee recommends that the General Conference authorize the World Service Commission to continue in operation any charter of any of the boards ordered consolidated, namely: the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, the Board of the Epworth League, the Board of Hospitals and Homes, and the General Deaconess Board as the commission shall determine necessary to properly protect the assets of all the said boards. We recommend that no change be made in the membership of the Board of Education for Negroes pending the merger of this board with other boards above named.

§ 5. Your Committee further recommends that the membership of the several constituent boards shall be reduced so that no Board shall have less than five nor more than fifty members inclusive of the Bishops as hereinafter set forth:

a. Board of Foreign Missions

¶ 414, § 2. The Board of Managers shall consist of thirty-two traveling ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church and thirty-two laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Bishops. All the effective General Superintendents shall be *ex officio* members of said Board without vote. In constituting the Board of Managers the Bishops shall nominate one representative from each Area in the United States preserving as nearly as may be an equality in the number of ministers and laymen chosen from the Areas.

The said Board of Managers shall be elected to serve

until the Board of Foreign Missions shall have accomplished the amendment of its charter as herein directed. The said Board of Managers is hereby directed to reduce the membership of the said Board so that it shall consist of not more than fifty members and shall be composed as follows:

The Bishop resident in the city of New York and twenty-four ministers and twenty-five laymen nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference, chosen from the Areas in the United States and preserving as nearly as may be equality in the number of ministers and laymen from the areas. The other effective Bishops shall be *ex officio* members without a vote. When and as soon as the charter of said Board of Foreign Missions shall have been amended as aforesaid, the Bishops shall reappoint the membership of the said Board of Managers in accordance with this provision to serve until the close of the Quadrennium.

b. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

¶ 432, § 1 of the *Discipline* of 1920 shall be amended to read as follows:

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be composed of the Bishop resident at Philadelphia, the corresponding secretary elected by the General Conference who shall be *ex officio* members, twenty ministers and twenty-three laymen nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. In constituting the membership of said Board the Bishops shall nominate one representative from each Area, preserving as nearly as may be equality in the number of ministers and laymen chosen from the Areas. All the other effective Bishops resident in the United States shall be *ex officio* members without a vote. The Superintendents of the Five Departments shall be advisory members. The terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the General Conference and continue for one Quadrennium or until their successors are chosen.

c. Board of Education.

¶ 457, § 1 (*Discipline* of 1920), shall be amended to read as follows: The management of the affairs and property of the Board of Education shall vest in the Board of Trustees consisting of thirty-six members, of whom one half shall be laymen and at least three shall be Bishops. The said Board of Trustees shall constitute the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York; one third of the Board shall be elected at each General Conference on the nominations of the Board of Bishops to serve for a term of twelve years. Provided, however, that the terms of all of said Trustees shall cease when the merger of the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools and the Board of the Epworth League shall have been consummated either by obtaining a charter for a new corporation or the amendment of an existing charter.

When the merger of the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, and the Board of the Epworth League has been consummated as directed by the General Conference, there shall be committed to the Corporation thereby created under the name "Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church" the work now committed to the Board of Education, the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools, the Board of Epworth League, and the Deaconess Training Schools heretofore committed to the General Deaconess Board. The membership of said corporation shall consist of forty-five members to be appointed by the Board of Bishops, to serve until the close of the next General Conference. The Board of Bishops shall thereupon appoint the forty-five members of the reorganized or newly chartered Board as may be determined.

¶ 468, § 2. The Board of Sunday Schools shall, until merged with the Board of Education, be composed of

the corresponding secretary of said Board and the editor of the Sunday School Publications, who shall be *ex officio* members thereof; one effective Bishop, twenty-six members at large, lay and clerical expert in Sunday School work. All the members of said Board except the two *ex officio* members shall be elected by the General Conference upon nomination of the Board of Bishops.

¶ 478, § 4, Article IV—Government. The management of the Board of the Epworth League, until merged with the Board of Education, shall be vested in a Board which shall consist of a Bishop, the General Secretary, the Editor of the Epworth Herald, and twenty members at large. The members at large to be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference.

The Bishop shall be President of the Epworth League and of the Board of the Epworth League. The Assistant Secretary of the Junior League and the elected field and departmental secretaries shall be advisory members of the Board. In case of a vacancy in the office of General Secretary during the quadrennium, the same shall be filled by the Board of Bishops. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board shall be filled by said Board of Bishops.

d. Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work.

Your Committee recommends that ¶ 491 shall be amended as follows:

Incorporation and Functions. § 1. For the promotion of Deaconess Work throughout the Church there shall be a Board known as the General Deaconess Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This Board duly incorporated shall, until merged with the Board of Hospitals and Homes, have general supervision of all Deaconess work in the Church and control of all the Deaconesses. The General Deaconess Board shall be composed of twenty-three members and the corresponding secretary who shall be a member *ex officio* without vote. The elective members shall be nominated by the Board of Bishops and shall include one Bishop and at least two

deaconesses. Any vacancy in the Board which may occur during the quadrennium shall be filled by the Board of Bishops.

Amend ¶ 502 to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. *Government.* The management, until merged with the General Deaconess Board, shall vest in a Board which shall consist of twenty-three members including one Bishop appointed by the Board of Bishops, who shall be President of the Board. The additional members shall be nominated by the Board of Bishops and elected by the General Conference. The term of office shall be one quadrennium.

Your Committee recommends that when the merger of the General Deaconess Board with the Board of Hospitals and Homes shall be consummated, the Board of Bishops shall appoint the managers of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work consisting of three Bishops, eight ministers and twelve laymen of whom two shall be deaconesses.

When the merger of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board has been consummated as directed by the General Conference under the name of Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work, there shall be committed to the corporation thereby created the work now committed to the Board of Hospitals and Homes and the General Deaconess Board excluding Deaconess Training Schools.

§ 6. We further recommend that the World Service Commission shall determine the place of the headquarters of the merged Boards, under the name of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church and also the headquarters of the merged Boards under the name of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and Deaconess Work. It shall also determine whether any one or more of the said charters of the respective corporations shall be amended and used as the basis for the new corporations or whether application shall be made for one or more new charters for such corporations. That

this General Conference directs the several Boards whose work has been ordered combined, upon request of the World Service Commission, to grant, assign, convey and set over all of the assets of the respective Boards to such Boards respectively as the said World Service Commission shall direct. The World Service Commission shall be further empowered to take such other and further action as may be necessary to consolidate and merge the work committed to said Boards.

Pending the merger of the said Boards, your Committee recommends that the vacancies of the Board of Education to be filled by this General Conference shall be filled by persons especially qualified to represent the interests of the Board of Education for Negroes, the Board of Sunday Schools and the Board of the Epworth League.

§ 7. The Committee further recommends that the World Service Commission be directed to appoint a special committee of nine to study the needs of further reorganization and appropriate cooperation of the constituent Boards and report to the Commission before the close of the present quadrennium, such report to be reviewed by the Commission and sent to the next General Conference. In the event of the accomplishment of union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this special committee shall act as a Joint Commission with the one appointed for the same purpose by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

¶ 570. Report of the General Conference Treasurer

OSCAR P. MILLER, TREASURER

In Account with

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE FUND,
1924 QUADRENNIUM

RECEIPTS

Balance transferred from 1920 account.....	\$61,164 54
Interest collected on investments and premium on U. S. Securities sold.....	20,074 86 1
Amount collected from Conferences.....	277,205 62
	\$358,445 02

DISBURSEMENTS

Daily Christian Advocate.....	\$27,774 35	
Less credit from Methodist Book Concern.....	12,189 30	
		\$15,585 05
Transportation Bureau.....	\$1,200 00	
Expenses of Judicial Conferences.....	524 68	
Expenses of General Conference Secretary's office.....	2,282 34	
Expenses of Fraternal Delegates.....	1,716 99	
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.....	23,000 00	
Ecumenical Conference.....	500 00	
		29,224 91
Expenses of various Commissions:		
Areas and Districts.....	\$602 94	
Central Mission Conferences.....	325 51	
Comity and Cooperation.....	319 75	
Conference Course of Study.....	159 28	
Correlation.....	2,059 98	
Federation of Colored Churches.....	220 93	
Ordination of Women.....	269 66	
Organic Union.....	138 71	
Unification.....	5,115 19	
Foreign Languages.....	2,500 00	
General Conference Commission.....	3,022 08	
		14,734 63
Oil painting of Jesus Lee.....	\$200 00	
Expenses of Committee to Republican Convention (1920).....	15 91	
Expenses of delegation sent to Washington, D. C. (1924).....	209 08	
		424 99
Expenses of Treasurer's Office:		
Salary.....	\$11,750 00	
Postage and stationery.....	344 92	
Premium on treasurer's bond.....	849 38	
Miscellaneous office expenses.....	92 36	
Auditor's services at Springfield.....	100 00	
Help in auditing foreign accounts.....	83 26	
Expense of treasurer to General Conf....	253 23	
Expense of assistant to General Conf....	238 73	
		13,711 88
Expense of Publicity department at Springfield.....	\$904 40	
Installation of Microphone in auditorium....	2,200 00	
Foreign delegate expense (1920 Conference)	233 92	
		3,338 32
Miscellaneous expenses at General Conference:		
Typists and clerical help.....	\$315 83	
Rental of typewriters and furniture.....	106 50	
Hymnals for use of delegates.....	900 00	
Lunches for tellers.....	103 68	
Precentor.....	174 00	
Badges for delegates.....	550 11	
Expense of Com. on Temporal Economy.....	200 47	
Sundry small items.....	18 12	
		2,368 71

Expenses of delegates to General Conference:

780 American—Railway fares.....	\$38,204 97	
Sleeping car fares.....	15,602 38	
Meals enroute.....	6,790 23	
Board and room at Springfield.....	67,398 50	
	\$127,996 08	
82 foreign delegates paid to date.....	60,040 45	
		\$188,036 53
Balance on hand July 7, 1924.....	91,021 50	
		\$358,445 02

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR P. MILLER, TREASURER.

Note—Cash balance July 7, 1924.....		\$91,021 50
Unpaid adjusted claims of foreign delegates.....	\$9,304 49	
Estimated unpaid claims.....	630 33	
		9,934 82
True balance.....		
		\$81,086 68

¶ 571. Report of Foreign Language Commission

§ 1. *Aggressive Advance.* The problem among foreign-language peoples facing Protestantism, and particularly the Methodist Episcopal Church, is staggering. The large proportion of foreign born and of foreign parentage in our great centers of population and in certain rural sections without apparent religious affiliation challenges Christianity. The Methodist Episcopal Church has been from its inception the great missionary agency to the unchurched. The task, however, is so great and so complex that, while Methodism should assume her full share of it, there should be cooperation with other interested denominations in matters relating to the discovery and allocation of responsibility and, where possible, in the prosecution of a common program. More particularly is this true concerning newer immigrant groups. Because of this challenge and need, *we recommend* that an aggressive advance be made by the Methodist Episcopal Church in work among foreign language peoples in the United States. To this task we urgently appeal for a

united approach by all denominational and other interested agencies.

§ 2. *Approach and Program.* In matters relating to approach and program:

First, Language: *We recommend* that work among newly arrived immigrants be carried on in their native tongues, but that work with both children and adults be in the English language as soon as feasible.

Second, Literature: Believing that the Christian printing press can be one of the most effective means in bringing the Christian message and American ideals to the foreign born and their children, and that the development of religious vitality in a new environment is largely dependent upon literature either in periodical or in leaflet and book form, *we recommend* that the Methodist Episcopal Church assume its share of the responsibility of providing a missionary, educational and evangelistic language literature. In this connection we especially commend the foundations already laid by the Committee of Six on Foreign Language Publications during the past quadrennium, and recommend that its work be continued.

Third, Location: The Methodist Episcopal Church has up to this time failed to adopt a policy in the matter of location of foreign-language work, and inasmuch as this has often resulted in the location of two Methodist Episcopal Churches in the same neighborhood, oftentimes side by side; and, because competition becomes serious when the former-language Church begins to use or finds itself in need of using the English language to serve adequately its constituency, *we recommend* that the leadership of our Church in the future locate new foreign-language churches or mission centers with the thought of making such work serve the entire constituency of the parish when its special language mission shall have been accomplished, and that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension discourage in its program all overlapping and that it cooperate in

carrying out the principles of Church extension as set forth above.

Fourth, Cooperation with Community Agencies: *We recommend* that in the process of evangelizing and in the development of Christian citizenship the Church cooperate as far as possible with civic, educational, fraternal, social, and welfare organizations among the various nationality groups, and wherever possible make use of the press and forum. In this connection we commend the work of the Goodwill Industries, whose approach in workrooms and stores is reaching vast numbers of foreign language peoples.

§ 3. *Leadership.* The most important single factor in all Christian work is leadership. No less is this true in work among foreign language peoples. *We recommend:*

First, that our schools and Church organizations be urged to secure young men and women of ability and consecration to enter this field of Church activity.

Second, that in the training and use of bilingual leadership, both ministerial and lay, emphasis should be placed not only on the necessity of using the language of the group with which they are working, but also the use of the English language.

Third, that the training of bilingual workers, wherever possible, be carried on in connection with our English-speaking training agencies, and that provision be made for specialized graduate training, as well as for those who are not qualified to do graduate work.

§ 4. *Education of English-Speaking Church.* One of the fundamental needs in relation to work among foreign language peoples is that of restating the responsibility of the Methodist Episcopal Church for training its leadership to think not alone in terms of Anglo-Saxon responsibility, but in terms of every person within the parish. To this end *we recommend* a careful study of the national backgrounds of our immigrant peoples on the part of the Methodist ministry and laity as a basis for a program of evangelization and induction into Ameri-

can citizenship, and that our colleges, universities and theological seminaries be urged to take cognizance of this larger phase of our Church's responsibility in the preparation of their courses of study, and that Conference Courses of Study be prepared with this need in view.

§ 5. *Recognition of the Contribution of Foreign Language Work to English Churches and Conferences.* Since the practice of the Church has magnified the importance of annual reports of addition to membership, *we recommend* a recognition of the contribution being made to English-speaking Churches and Conferences by our foreign language work, and suggest that a column be provided in annual reports in which shall be recorded the number of members transferred to English Churches and Conferences and that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension give favorable consideration for increased aid in cases where this transfer of membership is sapping the strength of work and where there is still need for bilingual missionary effort.

§ 6. *Policy Regarding Foreign Language Conferences.*¹ During the past quadrennium certain foreign language Churches have merged with English-speaking Churches or have transferred into English-speaking Conferences; and inasmuch as several foreign language Conferences have taken action looking toward a merger with English-speaking Conferences, *we recommend*:

First, that every effort be made to conserve the excellent results secured by our foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions.

Second, that such foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions be fostered and encouraged to continue so long as there is a constituency needing such special language ministry and supervision.

Third, that the process of merging our foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions

¹See ¶ 523, § 3.

with English-speaking Conferences should not be forced, but left to the particular foreign language organizations involved, and that the process for accomplishing such mergers of interests be simplified.

Fourth, that the merging of a foreign language Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission with an English-speaking Conference or Conferences or the transfer of a foreign language Church or Mission Center to an English-speaking Conference shall not be consummated without the consent of said foreign language Conference, Church, or Mission Center concerned. *We further recommend:*

Fifth, that any local Church or Mission Center located in a foreign-language Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission may be transferred to the jurisdiction of the English-speaking Conference within whose geographical territory it is located when two thirds of the membership of such Church or Mission Center, twenty-one years of age or over, take action favorable to such transfer in a meeting called for this purpose by the Quarterly Conference; and when the Bishops having jurisdiction concur, the Church or Mission Center and its property shall be transferred. Property adjustments shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the *Discipline* now in force. If, however, the Bishops fail to concur, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Bishops for action.

Sixth, that any foreign language Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission may be merged with the English-speaking Conference or Conferences within whose geographical territory it is located when two thirds of the membership of such Conference, Mission Conference or Mission, present and voting, take action favoring such merger; and when the Bishops involved concur, the merger shall be consummated. If, however, the Bishops fail to concur, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Bishops for action.

We further recommend where a foreign language Con-

ference is merged with an English-speaking Conference or Conferences:

That all Conference members and Probationers shall have the same respective relations to the Conference or Conferences with which they are merged.

That all matters relating to Annuities and distribution of Conference Claimants or Preachers' Aid Society funds be committed to the Board of Pensions and Relief for actuarial adjustments, such moneys as are held by the various Conferences asking merger to be administered by the Board of Pensions and Relief until adjudication is completed. It is recommended that a choice of residence be given Superannuated Ministers providing a proportionate amount of the funds follow such residence.

That in the matter of Institutions where foreign-language Conferences, Mission Conferences, or Missions are being merged with an English-speaking Conference or Conferences, it is recommended that all property adjustments be consummated through commissions representing the various Conferences and interests involved; not unmindful, however, of benevolent consideration due to those who made these institutions possible.

It is further recommended that ¶ 512, § 2, (1920 Discipline) be amended by adding the following words: "Any foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, Missions, Churches, or Mission Centers in the United States being merged with or transferred into English-speaking or other Conferences"; so that when amended, it will read as follows:

No division or absorption of Annual Conferences or Mission Conferences, or the organization of new Annual Conferences, out of the territory already occupied by organized Conferences, shall be effected until the General Conference shall have approved such division, absorption or organization; except in the case of Central Conferences and Central Mission Conferences as provided for in ¶¶ 95, § 2 (12), and 95A, § 2 (10); and

foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences, Missions, Churches or Mission Centers in the United States being merged with or transferred into English-speaking or other Conferences.

§ 7. *Policy Regarding Organization of New Work.* In order to make clear the attitude of the Church regarding organization of new work among foreign language peoples, *we recommend*, that, while the Church recognize the necessity of organizing foreign-language Churches and Mission Centers scattered throughout the English-speaking Conferences into Missions, in order to begin specialized language work among immigrant peoples, such organized Missions should be reassimilated into our English-speaking Conferences after the specialized task is completed.

§ 8. *Bilingual Foreign Language Missions.*¹ There are in the United States at least 136 foreign language Churches and Mission Centers, without relationship to Conferences, Mission Conferences or Missions of their own language, scattered over 18 Areas, 41 English-speaking Conferences and 68 Districts, making united administration and equitable appointment extremely difficult; and as there is great need of an aggressive forward movement among the immigrant groups represented by these Churches and Mission Centers, *we recommend*, that, for the purposes of united administration and the appointment of Ministers and Missionaries, a Mission be organized to be known as the Bilingual Mission, to comprise all foreign language work being carried on in connection with English-speaking Conferences in the United States, including also those Churches whose chief activities are among foreign language groups. It is further provided, that, in the merging of a foreign-language Conference, Mission Conference, or Mission, such Churches or Mission Centers not yet ready to merge on account of language conditions shall be placed in the

¹ ¶523, §3.

Bilingual Mission. Whenever five or more such Churches or Mission Centers desire it a group may be formed and such leadership assigned as may be deemed wise by the Bishop in charge of the Bilingual Mission and the Bishops of the Conferences involved.

In order to maintain mutual sympathy and interest between the English-speaking and foreign language work, *we recommend*, that the Quarterly Conferences in this Bilingual Mission be held by the District Superintendent of the white English-speaking Conferences in whose geographical territory the various Churches and Mission Centers are located; and that Ministers of the Bilingual Mission be members of the English-speaking Annual Conferences in which their various Charges are located, and that they assemble for such meetings, either as a whole, or in such national groups as may be deemed wise by the Bishop in whose Area the Mission is placed, for the purpose of fellowship, the discussion of common tasks and such other activities as may be assigned them by the Bishop.

It is further recommended that ¶ 207, § 13, be amended by omitting the words "within his area" so that when amended it will read as follows:

"To organize such Annual Missions as shall have been authorized by the General Conference."

§ 9. *The Local Approach.* To insure a nation-wide sense of responsibility on the part of Methodist Episcopal leadership everywhere, *we recommend* that it be the duty of the District Superintendent and Pastor to place before the Quarterly Conference of each English-speaking Church in America the fact of its relationship and responsibility to any foreign-language peoples resident in the parish.

We further recommend that a Foreign Language Committee be created in each Quarterly Conference to give attention to the needs of any group or groups of foreign-language people found in the community not already included in our foreign-language Conferences, Mission

Conferences, or Missions; such Committee to communicate with the District Superintendent and the Bishop or Superintendent of the Bilingual Mission for developing a program to meet the needs of the situation. In view of the varying conditions in different communities, one of three methods of approach is suggested:

First: Where the numbers are not sufficiently large to constitute a grave problem of assimilation, it is recommended that evening classes be organized for the instruction of foreign-born, living in the community, in the principles of Christianity and good citizenship; also that the Superintendent and other leaders of the Sunday school organize classes in the Sunday school for the instruction of adult immigrants and children of foreign parentage, and that provision be made for the reception of these peoples into the regularly organized activities and membership of the local Church.

Second: Where the numbers and conditions are such as to warrant a more intensive program and where a neighboring Church is conveniently located, it is recommended that a foreign-language department be organized in such local Church under the direction of the Foreign Language Committee of the Quarterly Conference.

Third: Where racial or polyglot colonies are of such size, or where there is no neighboring Church to foster a departmental program, it is recommended that the District Superintendent report such need to the Bishop or Superintendent of the Bilingual Mission and give co-operation in the development of the field through an organized language Church or Mission Center.

§ 16. *The Bureau of Foreign Language Work.* Your Commission is convinced that it is of the utmost importance that our foreign-language work be united and correlated, and believes that if the Bishops having supervision of our foreign-language work can be brought together with representatives of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for conference and study of the needs and formulation of policies, much more

effective work can be done among these foreign-language groups.

We therefore recommend that the Bureau of Foreign Language Work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be constituted as follows: the Bishops having jurisdiction over foreign-language Conferences, Mission Conferences, or Missions, three Ministers and five laymen selected by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; also that the Superintendents of Departments of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension be made advisory members of the Bureau.

The Bureau thus constituted shall have the following powers and duties:

First: To formulate general policies and principles for work among foreign-language peoples.

Second: To recruit and make provision for the necessary training of leaders to be employed in work among foreign-language peoples.

Third: To review the askings from the field, and recommend appropriations for foreign-language work.

Fourth: To conserve and place upon a missionary basis foreign-language Churches and Mission Centers which should continue in their specialized task.

Fifth: To cooperate with other organizations and agencies which are working among foreign-language peoples.

§ 11. *Area Adjustments.* Our foreign language work is now distributed over eleven Areas, in many cases only one Conference or Mission to the Area, and, believing that the unifying of the work, the carrying out of an aggressive program, and the conservation of the largest results would be facilitated if Conferences were grouped in fewer areas, *we therefore recommend that* our foreign language Conferences, Mission Conferences and Missions be grouped in not more than five Episcopal Areas.

§ 12. *Administration of Home Mission and Church Extension Funds.* We recommend, that all Home Mission and Church Extension funds appropriated for use in the promotion of foreign-language work in the United States be administered through the regularly constituted channels of the Church.

Believing that a more unified missionary administration in cities will be secured by organizing all missionary work under City Societies, *we further recommend* that ¶ 440 be amended by substituting for the words "communities contiguous to each other" in line three the words "their contiguous communities" and by substituting for the words "city, or community" in lines four and five the words "centers of population" and by adding the words "or Bishops" after the word "Bishop" in line six; and by substituting in the second sentence after the words, "The Resident Bishop," the following: "All Bishops, District Superintendents and Superintendents of Missions or Mission Conferences having jurisdiction in the geographical territory"; so that when amended, it will read as follows:

"In order to promote evangelization and to coordinate the work of our Church in cities and in their contiguous communities, it is recommended that, wherever such centers of population shall have three or more Pastoral Charges, and where, in the judgment of their Resident Bishop or Bishops, and the District Superintendent or Superintendents concerned, it is deemed advisable, a City Society shall be organized, under such name and control as it may determine. All Bishops, District Superintendents, and Superintendents of Missions or Mission Conferences having jurisdiction in the geographical territory covered by the Society and all Pastors therein, shall be *ex officio* members of said Society or of its Board of Managers. Each Quarterly Conference shall also be entitled to at least one lay representative in the Society or Board."

In order to promote evangelism and to coordinate the

work of our Church in rural communities, *we further recommend* that ¶ 444 be amended by adding a new section, to be designated § 3, and read as follows:

"In order that all Conferences, Missions, or other interests concerned in Missionary Work shall have representation, all Bishops, District Superintendents, and Superintendents of Missions having jurisdiction in the geographical territory covered by the District Rural Society, and all Pastors therein, shall be *ex officio* members of said society or of its Board of Managers or Executive Committee. Each Quarterly Conference shall also be entitled to at least one lay representative in the Society or Board."

The present § 3, ¶ 444, to be renumbered § 4.

¶ 572. World Peace

Millions of our fellow men have died heroically in "a war to end war." What they undertook must be finished by methods of peace. War is not inevitable. It is the supreme enemy of mankind. Its futility is beyond question. Its continuance is the suicide of civilization. We are determined to outlaw the whole war system.

The patriotism of the Methodist Episcopal Church has never been challenged. Neither our motives nor our loyalty must be impugned when we insist on the fulfillment of pledges made to the dead and assert our Christian ideals for the living. Governments which ignore the Christian conscience of men in time of peace cannot justly claim the lives of men in time of war. Secret diplomacy and political partisanship must not draw men into the dilemma of deciding between support of country and loyalty to Christ.

The world is now open to a crusade for peace. War-weary nations everywhere are eagerly waiting. America

should lead the way. The nation and the Church can do now what they may never, never be able to do again.

We set ourselves to create the will to peace. We recommend that a prayer for peace be prepared and used at every communion service. Through its educational program, our Church must do its full share to mold the present youth of all races into a peace-loving generation. We shall launch an aggressive campaign to teach the nature, causes, and consequences of war. The glorification of war must end.

We set ourselves to create the conditions for peace. Selfish nationalism, economic imperialism, and militarism must cease. We demand the establishment of the principle that conscription of wealth and labor must be the counterpart of any future conscription of human life. As great odium must be put upon the war profiteer as is put upon the slacker. The protection of special privileges secured by investors in foreign lands has too often imperiled the peace of nations. This source of danger must be prevented. The rights of the smallest nation must be held as sacred as those of the strongest. We hold the cause of peace dearer than party allegiance and we shall tolerate no dilatory or evasive attitudes on the part of those who represent us.

We set ourselves to create organization for peace. Grateful to our government for leadership in the movement toward reduction of armaments and the promotion of tribunals for international arbitration, we insist upon a still more decided and aggressive policy in these directions. We urge the President of the United States to summon another Conference of the Nations for the more drastic reduction of armaments. We likewise urge upon the Senate the immediate entrance of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice. The participation of the United States in a League of Nations will receive our active aid. We call upon all our people to support for public office men pledged to secure these ends. The ballot and other direct processes of

democracy must now be employed in securing a warless world.

World Christianity is enlisting in the campaign for peace. We seek alliance with all the forces which make for the principles here advocated. We, therefore, propose that our Church now assume its full share of responsibility by appointing at this General Conference a commission of twenty-five members, composed of five Bishops, ten Ministers, and ten Laymen authorized and instructed to invite the religious forces of the world to unite in a conference to consider the best plans and methods for making the impact of a world-wide religious sentiment against the evils we deplore.

The principles of brotherhood are plainly challenged. The progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ is clearly at stake. The issues are so momentous, the opportunity for leadership is so great, that we here and now call upon all people to avoid divisive and fruitless discussions and unite their energies in this great movement for a war-free world. To this sublime end we dedicate ourselves, and for its accomplishment we invoke the blessing of Almighty God.

¶ 573. Contiguous and Continuous Episcopal Supervision

§ 1. We recommend that in the intervals of the Annual Conference sessions each resident Bishop shall be held responsible for the administration of the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church in those Conferences adjacent to his residence, the decision as to which Conferences are adjacent to a particular residence being left to the Board of Bishops. To make this provision effective, we recommend that one month after the adjournment of an Annual Conference the presidency of the Conference shall pass to the Bishop resident in the group of which it forms a part, and shall remain so until one month before the next ensuing Annual Conference.

§ 2. In order to secure detailed and comprehensive knowledge of the activities, achievements, and needs of the entire Connection, each Bishop is requested to make quadrennially a written report of his administration of the group over which he exercises residential supervision. these reports to be presented to the General Conference and printed in the General Conference Handbook and Journal.

§ 3. In case of the death, resignation, or disability of a Bishop in the interval between the General Conferences, the Board of Bishops is requested to rearrange the areas temporarily, having regard so far as possible to the principle of contiguity recommended in § 1.—*Journal*, 1916.

§ 4. We recognize the fidelity of the Bishops in carrying out the provisions of the book of *Discipline* (1920) with regard to continuity of presidential supervision. We call attention to the fact that under the plan of contiguous and continuous supervision, as stated in this paragraph, the matter of presidential supervision is entirely in the control of the Bishops. However, it is the judgment of the General Conference that more frequent changes in the presidency of the Annual Conferences within the Episcopal Areas in the United States of America as arranged by the Bishops, will promote the best interests of the whole Church, and we so recommend.

§ 5. The General Conference instructs the Committee on Episcopacy that in assigning Bishops to residences the Committee shall have in mind the principle of a maximum of continuous tenure of eight years in any given residence in the United States of America. (*Journal*, 1924.)

¶ 574. Area System of Episcopal Supervision

Your Committee, having carefully considered the reports of the several Bishops, as printed in the Handbook

of the General Conference, together with memorials regarding the area system of episcopal supervision, respectfully reports as follows:

The area has abundantly justified itself as a most effective unit and method of episcopal administration. It relates the Bishops to definite fields and thus assures a close and intensive supervision of the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church. It affords an opportunity for genuine leadership in area enterprises. It defines responsibility and secures results that were impossible when continuity of administration was wanting.

The quadrennial report of the Bishops indicates that they are earnestly seeking to give the Church that intensive leadership that the Church has so long needed and desired. It is not invidious to say that in the judgment of your Committee close and definite cultivation of the area has secured the largest results for the Church and the Kingdom.—*Journal*, 1920. See also Report No. 2, Committee on Judiciary, adopted by the General Conference, 1924.

¶ 575. Episcopal Areas

Area groupings of the Annual Conferences for the new quadrennium are as follows:

UNITED STATES

Atlanta: BISHOP RICHARDSON—Saint Johns River Conference, Florida Conference, South Florida Mission Conference, Atlanta Conference, Georgia Conference, Savannah Conference, South Carolina Conference.

Boston: BISHOP ANDERSON—Maine Conference, Vermont Conference, New Hampshire Conference, New England Conference, New England Southern Conference.

Buffalo: BISHOP LEONARD—Genesee Conference, Central New York Conference, Troy Conference, Northern New York Conference.

Chattanooga: BISHOP THIRKIELD—Holston Conference, Central Tennessee Conference, East Tennessee Conference, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, North Carolina Conference, Alabama Conference.

Chicago: BISHOP HUGHES—Central Illinois Conference, Illinois Conference, Rock River Conference, Chicago German Conference, Central Swedish Conference, Norwegian and Danish Conference, Northwest German Conference, St. Louis German Conference, Northern German Conference.

Cincinnati: BISHOP HENDERSON—North-East Ohio Conference, Ohio Conference, West Ohio Conference, Kentucky Conference.

Covington: BISHOP CLAIR—Lexington Conference, Little Rock Conference, Central Missouri Conference, Lincoln Conference, Liberia Conference.

Denver: BISHOP MEAD—Colorado Conference, Wyoming State Conference, Utah Mission, New Mexico Conference, Western Swedish Conference, West German Conference, Southern Conference, Southern Swedish Mission Conference, Southwest Spanish Mission.

Detroit: BISHOP NICHOLSON—Detroit Conference, Michigan Conference, Central German Conference, Northern Swedish Conference, Bilingual Mission.

Helena: BISHOP SMITH—Montana State Conference, Inter-Mountain Conference, North Dakota Conference.

Kansas City: BISHOP WALDORF—St. Louis Conference, Missouri Conference, Kansas Conference, Southwest Kansas Conference, Northwest Kansas Conference, Oklahoma Conference, Gulf Conference.

Indianapolis: BISHOP LEETE—Indiana Conference, North Indiana Conference, Northwest Indiana Conference, Southern Illinois Conference.

New Orleans: BISHOP JONES—Louisiana Conference, Mississippi Conference, Upper Mississippi Conference, Central Alabama Conference, Texas Conference, West Texas Conference, Tennessee Conference.

New York City: BISHOP WILSON—New York Confer-

ence, New York East Conference, Newark Conference, East German Conference, Eastern Swedish Conference.

Omaha: BISHOP KEENEY—Iowa Conference, Des Moines Conference, Upper Iowa Conference, Northwest Iowa Conference, Nebraska Conference, Northwest Nebraska Conference.

Philadelphia: BISHOP BERRY—Philadelphia Conference, New Jersey Conference, Delaware Conference, Wyoming Conference.

Pittsburgh: BISHOP MCCONNELL—Erie Conference, Pittsburgh Conference, West Virginia Conference, Porto Rico Mission.

Portland: BISHOP SHEPARD—Oregon Conference, Puget Sound Conference, Columbia River Conference.

St. Paul: BISHOP LOCKE—Minnesota Conference, Northern Minnesota Conference, Wisconsin Conference, West Wisconsin Conference, Dakota Conference.

San Francisco: BISHOP BURNS—California Conference, California German Conference, Southern California Conference, Pacific Chinese Mission, Pacific Japanese Mission, Pacific German Conference, Pacific Swedish Mission Conference, Latin-American Mission, Hawaii Mission, Western Norwegian and Danish Conference.

Washington: BISHOP McDOWELL—Baltimore Conference, Central Pennsylvania Conference, Washington Conference, Wilmington Conference.

AFRICA

Cape Town: BISHOP JOHNSON—Southeast Africa Mission Conference, Rhodesia Mission Conference, Congo Mission Conference, Angola Mission Conference.

EASTERN ASIA

Peking: BISHOP GROSE—North China Conference, Chengtu West China Conference, Chungking West China Conference.

Shanghai: BISHOP BIRNEY—Central China Conference, Kiangsi Conference.

Foochow: BISHOP BROWN—Foochow Conference, Hinghua Conference, Yenping Conference, South Fukien Mission Conference.

Seoul: BISHOP WELCH—Korea Conference, Japan Mission Conference.

SOUTHERN ASIA

Bangalore: BISHOP WARNE—Burma Mission Conference, South India Conference.

Bombay: BISHOP BADLEY—Bombay Conference, Gujarat Conference, Indus River Conference.

Calcutta: BISHOP FISHER—Bengal Conference, Bhabua Mission, Central Provinces Conference, Lucknow Conference.

Delhi: BISHOP ROBINSON—North India Conference, Northwest India Conference.

SOUTHEASTERN ASIA

Manila: BISHOP MITCHELL—Philippine Islands Conference.

Singapore: BISHOP LOWE—Malaya Conference, Netherlands Indies Mission Conference, North Sumatra Mission.

EUROPE

Copenhagen: BISHOP BAST—Denmark Conference, Norway Conference, Sweden Conference, Finland Conference, Finland Swedish Mission Conference, Baltic Mission.

Paris: BISHOP BLAKE—France Mission Conference, Italy Conference, North Africa Mission Conference, Spain Mission.

Zurich: BISHOP NUELSEN—Switzerland Conference, South Germany Conference, North Germany Conference, Austria Mission Conference, Hungary Mission, Russia Mission Conference, Jugo-Slavia Mission Conference, Bulgaria Mission Conference.

LATIN AMERICA

Buenos Aires, Argentine: BISHOP OLDHAM—Eastern

South America Conference, Chile Conference, Bolivia Mission Conference, North Andes Mission Conference.

Mexico City, Mexico: BISHOP MILLER—Mexico Conference, Central America Mission Conference.

¶ 576. The American Bible Society

Your Committee on the American Bible Society has had before it the report of this Society as published in the *Handbook* of this General Conference and has read with appreciation and gratitude of the enlarged work and far-reaching influence during the past quadrennium of this great organization, the Society of the Book.

Your Committee feels that record should be made of the fact that very recently the Rev. William Ingraham Haven, D.D., LL.D., completed twenty-five years of distinguished service as General Secretary of this Society. Dr. Haven bearing an honored name, has by his spirit and achievements brought added honor to the name he bears. He is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a member of the New England Conference, a devoted and unfailingly loyal servant of the Church, a friend of all peoples and all good causes, a wise counselor, intimately familiar with national and international questions, a lover of the Word of God, eager and zealous in the distribution of that Word, which is a lamp unto hesitant, stumbling feet, and which floods dangerous or uncertain paths with a glorious light. The Church has reason to be proud of his quarter of a century of service in connection with the American Bible Society and may fittingly congratulate both him and the Society.

Your Committee can scarcely do more than call attention to the record of the quadrennium, which shows a circulation for four years of over seventeen million copies of the Scriptures in the United States, in the extended mission fields of Latin America, in Europe and Africa,

and throughout the vast populations of the Far East. The report completes the thrilling story of war distribution, bringing the total of the Society's supplies for the American forces during the war to approximately five million volumes, and the amazing total of seven million volumes distributed among all the forces engaged in the war, special New Testaments having been prepared for this war ministry in addition to English, in Bohemian, French, Italian, Yiddish, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Roumanian and Greek.

An important Department of the Society's work is that of Translations and Revisions. During the past four years there have been numerous outstanding events, the most significant, undoubtedly being the completion of a revised Spanish New Testament upon which many thousands of dollars have been spent. This vast undertaking in which the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society cooperated was begun upon the invitation of the South American Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and upon the Committee representing the American Bible Society were two eminent Methodist scholars, the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Drees, and the Rev. Dr. Victoriano D. Baez.

Also during this period the two great union versions in China, the "Mandarin" and the "Wenli," on which missionaries have patiently toiled for more than forty years, have been completed. This is an achievement of immeasurable good for the people of China. In addition to these there have been brought out other versions for peoples in Africa, Siam and other lands, where as everywhere the leaves of the Book are for the healing of the nations.

During the quadrennium there have been other matters of significant interest to which attention should be directed, such as the transfer of Korea to the British and Foreign Bible Society in exchange for their work in the Philippines for purposes of comity; the creation of the upper Andes Agency, constituted of Equador, Peru,

Bolivia, and part of Columbia, thereby making six Latin American Agencies; the establishment of an Arabic Agency, with headquarters at Cairo, thus dividing the old Levant Agency; the printing of special editions of Scriptures for the Peruvian and the Brazilian centenaries; the giving up of the manufacturing plant in the Bible House, where for so many fruitful years Bibles and Testaments have been printed in many languages, for the purpose of securing larger editions, more quickly, and more economically than from the Society's own presses.

The death of Dr. John R. Hykes in 1921, for nearly fifty years a Methodist Missionary and Bible Society Secretary in China, deserves more than passing mention. Among the outstanding Christian leaders in China during the last half century this noble man of God, passionate herald of the good news and tireless servant of the Society of the Book, Dr. John R. Hykes must be placed high up on the list.

As of special interest to Methodists should be noted the election to the Board of Mr. Arthur L. Brown and Miss Ellen McLean, and to the Vice-Presidency of the Society of Mr. Frank A. Horne, of New York; Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; President Edmund Janes James, of Illinois; Mr. Hanford Crawford, of Saint Louis, Missouri; the election of Mr. Paul Penzotti to succeed his father in South America, and of the Rev. G. Carleton Lacy to have charge of the work in China, all these members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is cause for rejoicing that under the Centenary the Church has given \$150,000 each year of the quadrennium for the work of the Society, which has not only made possible the expansion of the work, but has also influenced many other churches to place the Society in their budgets. The total appropriations for the four years have amounted to \$4,491,596.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We therefore recommend that this cause be presented to all our churches annually, as has been the custom since 1836, as one of the official benevolences.

We would suggest that the amount to be asked or appropriated be left to be determined by the organization created by the General Conference to have charge of the official benevolences. Our churches and our missions at home and abroad have increasing need of this missionary circulation of the Scriptures.

We recommend that the observance of Universal Bible Sunday be encouraged in all our churches in order that the place of the Bible in our national life and the life of the world may be suitably emphasized.

We recommend that authority be given to the Board of Bishops to appoint a representative on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society with whom the board of Managers may advise during the quadrennium concerning the budgets, appropriations, etc., of the Society, with the understanding that the expenses of this representation shall be met by the American Bible Society.

¶ 577. Licensing and Ordaining Women

§ 1. On May 25, 1920, the General Conference of that year adopted a report of the Committee on Itinerancy, referring to a commission of seven, the expediency of granting to women ordination and admission to the Annual Conference. After careful individual study and common discussion, your Commission found itself with three definite convictions:

First—That the validity of a woman's call to preach is not involved in any action which the General Conference may take in respect of the ordination of women and their admission into the Annual Conference;

Second—That, inasmuch as the ordination of women

and their admission into the Annual Conference would inaugurate far-reaching social and spiritual issues, such action ought not to be undertaken either as an administrative expedient to meet the emergency created by a temporary decrease in ministerial supply, or as an economic expedient to adjust ministerial supply to inadequate financial support;

Third—That in the connectional polity of Methodism, the ordination of women and their admission to the Annual Conference would introduce peculiar and embarrassing difficulties. In nonconnectional churches, in which, alone, ordained women have been admitted to settled pastorates, the relation can be terminated at will by either party to the contract. In Methodism, our connectional polity guarantees to every effective Minister a church and to every self-supporting church a Minister; and the pastoral relation is established by appointment of constituted authority, and properly terminated only with the consent of constituted authority.

Your Commission, also, after wise and careful exploration of both the mind of our own Church and the experiences of other Churches, has been led to conclude that the indifference of the Church at large to the matter of the ordination of women and their admission to the Annual Conference, is, in itself evidence that no imperative demand for such ordination and admission exists; that Methodism has had altogether too limited experience in licensing of women as preachers to provide a basis upon which a final decision ought to be reached; and furthermore, that the knowledge and experience of other Churches, in which women have served and are still serving as settled pastors, are too fragmentary and insufficient to justify the Commission in offering a final decision.

However, the very evident and acute need for an effective sacramental ministry on the part of women, in certain home and particularly in the foreign fields, has seemed to your Commission to indicate clearly an expan-

sion of service which the Church, with reason and propriety, can open to them.

Your Commission, accordingly, taking into consideration these and other factors of significance, unanimously recommends that the General Conference enact such measures as shall provide for the ordination of women as local preachers under the conditions and satisfactory to the requirements which the *Discipline* has determined and maintains for ordained local preachers.

§ 2. *Resolved*, that all disciplinary provisions relating to Local Preachers, and to their ordination as Deacons and Elders, shall be so construed as to include women, and that any verbal alterations in the *Discipline* thereby made necessary, be effected.

**¶ 578. Resolutions Concerning the Plan of
Unification of the Methodist Episcopal
Church and the Methodist Episcopal
Church, South¹**

§ 1. *Resolved*: That our Commission on the Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and the same is hereby continued with power to represent the General Conference in methods of procedure and in any undetermined matters not affecting the substance of the plan adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on May 7, 1924.

§ 2. *Resolved*: That when the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall have adopted the plan of Unification recommended by the Joint Commission and already adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be and they are hereby instructed to submit the plan of Unification to the vote of the Annual Conferences meeting dur-

¹ See Chapter VI, ¶ 613A.

ing the year 1925, and subject to the same proviso, under ¶ 39, § 1, which provides that "Lay Electoral Conferences shall be constituted quadrennially, or whenever duly called by the General Conference," the General Conference hereby calls the Lay Electoral Conferences within the bounds of the Annual Conferences to meet during the year 1925, for the purpose of voting upon the plan of Unification and the constitutional changes involved therein, and the result shall be immediately announced.

§ 3. *Resolved*: That if and when the plan of Unification shall be adopted by the requisite majorities in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, then this General Conference shall be called to meet in adjourned session, at such time and place as the Bishops or a majority of them may determine in consultation and cooperation with the properly constituted authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, acting for the same purpose and under similar authority, for the purpose of putting into effect the provisions of the aforesaid plan of Unification and with power to legislate for the Church in all matters in accordance with said plan, subject, however, to the provisions and limitations of the Restrictive Rules.

§ 4. *Resolved*: That the Book Committee is hereby authorized and directed to make an apportionment to the Church sufficient to meet the expenses incident to the proposed adjourned meeting of this General Conference; such apportionment to be made as soon as the certainty of such meeting is determined.

§ 5. *Resolved*: That our Local Churches and our Annual and Lay Conferences everywhere are requested and urged not to complicate the orderly constitutional processes by any precipitate action under the plan, and that they be in no undue haste in effecting local readjustments until the proposed plan shall have been constitutionally adopted by both Churches. *Adopted, May 27, 1924.*

¶ 579. Report of Committee on Federation

Your Committee on Federation heartily commends the work done during the last quadrennium by the special committee upon "Organic Union," and we earnestly suggest that every member of this General Conference give their report, as printed on page 431 of *The Daily Advocate*, a careful reading. Recognizing that complete uniformity in polity, doctrine, and practice may never be established between the evangelical Churches, and that it may never be essential to vital Christianity, we nevertheless heartily indorse all sentiments favoring organic unity as the ideal for the future, and we rejoice in all evidences of cooperative effort which increasingly generate that spirit of unity which is the true bond of fraternity between all churches, as together they labor for the establishment of God's Kingdom.

We recommend that in order to insure the practical cooperation of our own Church with all other denominations related to the Federal Council of Churches a special Commission be appointed by the Bishops to represent the Methodist Episcopal Church, this Commission to consist of five Bishops, ten Ministers and ten Laymen. The duty of this Commission shall be to make all pronouncements regarding the purposes and convictions of our Church relative to matters of interdenominational significance; to consider, and to approve when that seems advisable, all communications incident to our participation in the affairs of such organizations as the "Federal Council of Churches," and the "Commission on Organic Union," and the "International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.," and the "Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work," and the "World Conference on Faith and Order," and similar organizations of interchurch scope.¹

We are favorable to the continuance of cooperation between the denominational Boards represented in the

¹See also Report No. 14 of Committee on State of the Church.—*Journal*, 1924.

Home and Foreign Missions Councils; but in order to provide for other cooperative activities, we suggest that all matters affecting our Methodist Church shall be referred to the above-mentioned special Commission of **Twenty-five**.

It is our conviction that all policies and pronouncements of the Commission of Twenty-five must be supported by a vote of seventeen out of the twenty-five members.

The General Conference having authorized the continuance of the Commission on Federation of Colored Methodist Churches, we recommend that the Bishops appoint such a Commission, consisting of three Bishops, three Ministers and three Laymen.

We recommend that the Committee on the "State of the Church" be requested to formulate a letter of transfer suitable for those who desire to change their affiliations from one evangelical Church to another; and also that the Committee on "State of the Church" be requested to consider and report such changes in our law as will make possible the receiving of members from other denominations upon certificate of transfer or dismissal from their churches.

We recommend that the Commission of Twenty-five have no authority to involve the Methodist Episcopal Church in any expense relative to interdenominational activities except by order of the General Conference, and that the only expense it shall be at liberty to incur shall be in support of the Commission itself. *Adopted, May 27, 1924.*

¶ 580. **Union With Churches Other Than the Methodist Episcopal Church, South**

Resolved, That we empower the Commission on Unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to conduct negotiations with any other Church which may be willing to consider terms and conditions of union with

our denomination.—*Journal, 1916, Report No. 5 Committee of Sixty.*

¶ 581. Comity and Cooperation With the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Your Committee on Federation has carefully considered the communication to Bishop Luther B. Wilson from Bishop Collins Denny, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, referred by the General Conference to this Committee, and recommends as follows:

1. That we heartily reciprocate the desire of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to facilitate such adjustments or exchanges of territory, as may be practicable, with a view to the best economy of our resources, and to the highest degree of comity and cooperation between our two branches of Methodism in their mutual purpose and work for the kingdom of God.

2. That the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church be authorized to appoint a Commission composed of one Bishop, three Ministers and three Laymen, to cooperate with a like Commission from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to consider what steps can appropriately be taken in the above matter, and to report their conclusions from time to time to the respective authorities concerned.

¶ 582. Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The Quadrennial Report of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has been received by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and read with deep interest.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America was formally organized in Philadelphia in December in 1906, and includes over thirty denomina-

tions. The Methodist Episcopal Church was one of the original constituent bodies creating the Federal Council, its action having been taken in May, 1908, in Baltimore. The Council has been a significant factor for stimulation and conservation throughout the period of deepening interest in cooperative movements among the Churches.

Resolved, 1. That the Bishops be authorized to appoint the number of representatives and alternates allowed by the Constitution of the Federal Council, to represent the Methodist Episcopal Church as members of the said Council during the coming quadrennium, and request the attendance of the appointees at the quadrennial meeting to be held in December, 1924.

2. That the Methodist Episcopal Church share in the expenses of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America to the amount of \$15,000 annually for both the general work and the Washington office, the same to be provided for as hitherto in the same manner as other Commissions appointed by the General Conference. If it should be discovered by any central Board of Benevolent organizations or by individual Boards that certain types of work can be carried forward to better advantage and more economically by the Federal Council of Churches than by our own organizations, amounts not to exceed a total of an additional \$10,000 may be appropriated by the foregoing Methodist agencies.

Adopted, May 28, 1924.

¶ 583. Ecumenical Conference Continuation Committee

At the Fifth Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in London, England, September 6-16, 1921, action was taken following the precedent of the Fourth Ecumenical Conference in Toronto, Canada, in 1911, creating a Continuation Committee, in these terms:

"That it be the sense of this Conference that the con-

ditions require the appointment of a Continuation Committee, to conserve the results of this Ecumenical Conference and for the furtherance of Methodism throughout the world, and that a committee of forty-eight be appointed, twenty-four of the Eastern, and twenty-four of the Western Section." The Conference afterward proceeded to appoint twenty-nine of each section instead of twenty-four, so that there might be a wider representation.

Nominations were made by the Conference on behalf of both Sections and approval of such nominations by the constituent bodies they represent was requested. Twelve of the Committee for the Methodist Episcopal Church were named as follows:—

Bishop William F. McDowell, Bishop J. W. Hamilton, Bishop F. D. Leete, Bishop Edgar Blake, Rev. D. G. Downey, Rev. Clarence True Wilson, Rev. Paul Barnhart, H. K. Carroll, James R. Joy, James S. Watson, Mrs. May L. Woodruff, E. L. Kidney.

The Eastern Section has met and organized and is to hold its second session next September. The Western Section has not yet held a meeting.

The General Conference is requested to take action respecting the approval of the nominations for the Methodist Episcopal Church, to empower the Board of Bishops to fill vacancies and to make a suitable appropriation for the coming quadrennium for the expenses of the Committee. *Adopted, May 26, 1924.*

¶ 584. Effectiveness of Actions of This General Conference

Whereas, It has been decided on the recommendation of the Committee on Judiciary, that the legislative acts of a General Conference do not become effective until its final adjournment, and

Whereas, This General Conference has voted not to

adjourn finally at this time, but that when it adjourns, it be to meet on the call of the Bishops, therefore

Resolved, That all official relations and all legislative actions as determined by this General Conference during this session at Springfield, Massachusetts, shall take effect and be in force on and after its adjournment to meet at the call of the Bishops, precisely as if the adjournment were *sine die*. *Adopted, May 28, 1924.*

¶ 585. Social Creed of the Churches

The Methodist Episcopal Church stands for equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life; for the protection of the family, by the single standard of purity, uniform divorce laws, proper regulation of marriage, and proper housing; for such regulation of the conditions of toil for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral habits of the community; and for the fullest possible development of every child, especially by the provision of proper education and recreation, and by the abolition of child labor.

It stands for the abatement and prevention of poverty, by the protection of the individual and of society from the social, economic, and moral waste of the liquor traffic, by the conservation of health and by the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases and injuries.

It stands for the right of all men to the opportunity for self-maintenance, safeguarding this right against encroachments of every kind; and for the protection of workers from the hardships of enforced unemployment.

It stands for suitable provision for the workers in old age and for those incapacitated by injury; for the principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial disputes, and for a release from employment one day in seven.

It stands for the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practicable point, and

for that degree of leisure for all, which is a condition of the highest human life; for a living wage as a minimum in every industry and for the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the product of industry that can ultimately be devised.

It stands for the right of employees and employers alike, to organize.

It stands for a new emphasis upon the application of Christian principles to the acquisition and use of property.¹

The Church and the Community

The particular contribution of the Churches to community life is the development of its eternal values.

They must persistently demand that the program of the community be framed with the purpose of developing, not only material comfort and prosperity, but righteousness and justice, in order that brotherhood may be a fact as well as an inspiration, and so God may come to dwell with man.

The Community Service Program

In the general field of social welfare we recommend that during the next four years the Churches concentrate attention, or at least put stress upon Unemployment, Housing, Prison Reform, Recreation. These may well constitute a four years' program of study and action for the federated Churches of any city or State. Even the Churches in rural communities will find an opportunity to work in one of these fields, each in its own community, while it aids the development of adequate State measures in other communities. We also urge country Churches to consider in this connection their duty regarding "Farm Labor," "Tenancy," and "Rural Cooperation" according to the recommendations of the Country Church Commission of the Federal Council.

¹The General Conference recommends that the above Section of the Social Creed of the Churches be read to our congregations on the Sunday preceding Labor Day.—*Journal*, 1924.

In these and all other fields of social progress the Church must constantly urge its members to support concrete measures. But it has also a higher task. Its supreme social function is to educate the community in the fundamental principles which underlie these movements of social progress, to uphold the ideals by which they are conceived, to develop the atmosphere in which they are born, the individuals who will carry them to maturity, and the dynamic which will make them effective.

Training for Service

In every center of population there should be some organized method of training Church members for voluntary service to the community, and for putting them to work with community agencies. This can be worked out by the federated Churches in conjunction with local social workers and educational institutions. It is possible to get such training in rural communities through institutes, conducted jointly by the Churches and the State forces of education.

Industrial Conditions

We call upon our members as employers, investors, or wage-earners to do everything that lies in their power to initiate and promote measures and movements that make for the realization of our standard:

"A living wage as a minimum in every industry and the highest wage that each industry can afford, and the most equitable division of the product of industry that can ultimately be devised."

The Church has spent much toil and money in providing higher education. Its membership is increasingly an educated group, yet the toiling mass of mankind was the rock from which it was originally hewn, the pit from which it was first dug. With this history behind it, if the Church should stand aloof from the struggle of the industrial toilers of to-day to secure

time and strength for the discipline of education, its right hand would lose its cunning and its tongue cleave to the roof of its mouth. Because the teachings of Jesus demand equality of opportunity for all, because their application means both the brotherhood of leisure and the brotherhood of toil, we call upon all our members to support the efforts of the industrial workers to secure release from fatigue and the benefits of leisure.

Industrial Democracy

With the demand for industrial democracy the Churches are intensely concerned, for democracy is the expression of Christianity.

The first method of realizing democracy in industry is through collective bargaining.

It would naturally follow that since the Church is itself a large employer of labor, directly and indirectly, it must itself in some way realize collective bargaining; either in one of the two forms which are now developed or in some other yet to be devised. A sound principle to govern the Church as an employer would appear to be that in recognition of the price being paid by organized labor to improve conditions of industry, on account of its general contribution to the community welfare, every possible endeavor should be made to work with it, in so far as its methods are just, and in so far as the rights of unorganized men are not infringed upon.—*Journal*, 1916.

¶ 586. Industrial Relations

Methodism's Historic Emphasis

The fact that Christ died for all men is a sufficient warrant for our deep concern with all social forces which touch the welfare of men. The historic notes of emphasis in Methodism have been on conversion, on entire sanctification, on the capture of the child life from earliest infancy for the kingdom of heaven, on the

right of way of the spiritual interests over all ecclesiastical organization. If these high religious values stand enthroned at the center of historic Methodism, we cannot stop short of the advocacy of such reconstruction of society in its industrial, agricultural, commercial and political aspects, as will tend to the spread of scriptural holiness. We must stand for such social measures as will give the inner personal life its chance. Our call for the evangelization of men rightly does not stop merely with the proclamation of free grace. We are under bonds to remove the contradictions which work against free grace. We must preach the duty of the conversion and sanctification of men in their wider institutional relationships. We cannot do our full duty to Methodism if we do not insist that industry and commerce and politics shall henceforth lead a new life following the commandments of God and walking in his holy ways.

Industry as an Instrument of the Abundant Life

Industry should be made the instrument for aiding men to find that abundant life for which Christianity stands. We call once again not merely for the physical conditions which will make for the Christianization of industry—for a living wage and for all possible safeguards for health and security—but for the higher prerequisites for sound human existence, for the recognition of labor's right to organize, for the laborer's right to be heard through representatives of his own choosing, for an increasing share of responsibility by labor in the control of industry. We believe that the time has come for the serious trying out of plans aiming at doing away with unemployment.

An Ethical Divergence

Property rights possess no inherent sacredness which puts them beyond the reach of criticism and revision by Christian society. We recognize the ethical diverg-

ence between property for use and property for power. We maintain the soundness of the principle that a man is entitled only to what he has in some real sense earned. Wealth accruing to the holders through monopoly values or special privileges, or through large opportunities for costless saving, is not earned, and wealth created by society should be devoted to the development of all the people in ways to be determined by the people themselves.

The Service Motive

The service motive in a Christian community must include industry. Except in many notable cases, humanity as now constituted does not put forth its best efforts unless a personal reward can be gained. The Church should have for its goal a time when pride in workmanship and loyalty in service will be the motives animating industry, and when all work will be so organized that these motives may be possible for all workers.

Immediate Duties

The elimination of unemployment, the interpretation of property rights in terms of property duties—the emphasizing of the motive of service rather than profit—the encouragement of all measures in every vocation which develop for all workers self-respect, self-control, self-determination, self-consecration, in a common purpose to achieve for each the highest values of life, these are the immediate obligations of the holders of the Christian faith.

The teachings of Jesus, summarized in the Golden Rule, are the only true guide to the relationships that should be maintained in industrial life. Christian employers have a unique opportunity in the field of industry to make a practical demonstration to the world of the teachings of the Master through the application of these teachings to industrial relationships.

Therefore we call upon our Methodist Laymen to give

Careful study to the various experiments that are being made by industrial organizations, both large and small, in cooperative control, profit-sharing and other methods of developing mutual confidence and understanding between employed and employer. We urge our laymen not alone to study these experiments, many of which have been conspicuously successful, but to put them to practical test in business.

We call upon our ministers and editors to cooperate in giving publicity to such efforts to Christianize industry as will encourage those who are seeking to find a better way to settle industrial differences than through strikes, lockouts, and the strife so common in modern industry. *Adopted, May 28, 1924.*

¶ 587. Temperance and Prohibition

The Methodist Episcopal Church records its grateful thanks to Almighty God for National Constitutional Prohibition of the Beverage Liquor traffic.

The Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution was adopted by a larger majority than was given the original Constitution and was ratified by a larger number of States and a larger proportion of the States than that given any other amendment to our fundamental law. It is not a mere remedial statute or a bit of police regulation. It is a concrete statement, in terms of advancing civilization, of an enduring principle of human government. It voices a universal law, that only a sober people can make a growing, progressive, and Christian nation. There can be no successful challenge of the propriety of incorporating in the basic law of a nation the abiding underlying moral convictions of its people.

Though the traffic in intoxicating drinks has been prohibited by the action of a great and sovereign people, the forces that fattened upon it are striving to reinstate their nefarious trade. Under the guise of a

campaign for beer and light wines the attempt is being made to restore the traffic in intoxicating beverages.

The Present Crisis

The real issue before the American people to-day is, whether the prohibition Amendment and the federal prohibitory law are to be nullified by a law-defying minority which insists upon flagrantly showing its contempt for the emphatically expressed and properly recorded will of the American people. That issue goes to the very heart of free government and will determine whether the minority in this republic is to acquiesce in the will of the majority or whether such minority is to be permitted successfully to defy the law of the nation and treat the Constitution of the United States of America as a scrap of paper. The decision of the American people on this important issue involves the far more vital question as to whether after a century and a half of trial this government of, for, and by the people is able to secure obedience to its own mandates and thus perpetuate itself. That for which we have stood and still stand before the world, the orderly rule of the majority, under a reign of law, must and shall be maintained regardless of all who oppose or of whatever its preservation may cost.

The W. C. T. U. and Other Organizations

We gratefully recognize and commend the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that pioneer organization of American women, and all other temperance and prohibition agencies which have contributed by their effort and sacrifice to the triumphant position now occupied by the forces of sobriety and civic righteousness.

The Board of Temperance

Methodism's own organization in the field of prohibition is recognized everywhere as a strong factor in the

magnificent results accomplished. Devoting particular attention to the creation of moral sentiment and civic opinion through the carrying on of research work, the circulation of literature, the holding of public meetings, the conduct of total-abstinence campaigns, and by personal interviews with legislators, this great Board has given ample proof of its value as a militant Christian power in the war against alcohol throughout the nation. We gladly give our confidence to its wise and aggressive tactics. Independent in its thinking and planning, it has always been ready to cooperate with all worthy temperance agencies. Ready to take the initiative, it has been careful not to outrun public sentiment. Basing its activities on the tested foundation of scientific investigation, it adopts new and original methods. Faithful to its heavy responsibilities, and loyal to the traditions of the great Church it represents, the Board of Temperance has become a terror to the lawless liquor traffic and a bulwark of national defense.

In the larger field of activities among the nations of the earth we confidently expect its work to be as successful as at home. By correcting misstatements as to the results of prohibition in America, by disseminating accurate information, by conducting inquiries into conditions in other lands, and by cooperating in every acceptable way with prohibition forces everywhere, the Board of Temperance will do its part in creating a new and sober world. It thoroughly deserves and will continue to receive the hearty support of all our people.

The Anti-Saloon League

By action of the General Conference of 1908 and of each General Conference since, the Methodist Episcopal Church has recognized the Anti-Saloon League as the approved agency for cooperation with members of other churches and temperance organizations for the destruction of the liquor traffic. We hereby reaffirm our confidence in and our indorsement of the Anti-Saloon

League, recording also our grateful appreciation of the truly remarkable service which it has rendered and is continuing to render to the cause of Prohibition in America and throughout the world.

The permanence of prohibition here depends upon destroying the liquor traffic everywhere so that it will have no legal base of operations anywhere. We therefore, call upon our churches and people not only to continue but to increase their moral and financial support of this tested agency for the accomplishment of those phases of the enforcement, conservation, and extension of prohibition which cannot be wisely undertaken or successfully carried through by any single denomination as such, to the end that we may discharge our responsibility and utilize our opportunity under the slogan: "Enforce Prohibition in America—Redeem the World from Alcohol."

The World League Against Alcoholism

As a world church, Methodism is deeply concerned, not only with a more intensified interest in temperance and prohibition activities within the Church in all its branches and in all lands, but also with the fullest cooperation, on the part of Methodist people everywhere, with the constituency of other Christian Churches and with all other moral and religious forces throughout the world.

We, therefore, most heartily indorse the "World League Against Alcoholism" which has been officially constituted by joint action of the Anti-Saloon League of America, The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and similar organizations in most of the leading countries of the world.

We call upon our people everywhere to cooperate with this great international agency for righteousness in order that the omnipartisan and interdenominational methods which have proved so successful in the fight against the liquor evil in the United States may thus be applied to the solution of the world's liquor problem, to the end

that the prohibition of the liquor traffic in all its forms may speedily come to be a fixed policy of all governments, and that sobriety may be completely established in the earth.

Facing the Future

No great human welfare problem can be permanently solved by action of a single nation. The liquor evil is a world problem and as such requires a world-wide remedy. Permanence of prohibition in the United States requires international action. Just as township, municipal, and county prohibition could not be fully enforced without State action, and just as State prohibition could not be fully enforced without national action, so in this day of close international relationships, when the several different countries of the earth constitute a great neighborhood of human interest, national prohibition cannot be fully enforced without world action.

On the other hand, the first essential to a successful movement for world prohibition is of necessity the strict enforcement of the prohibitory law in the United States.

We pledge our brothers in the foreign field our fullest cooperation and assistance in combating the growing evil of alcoholism in their several countries, and insist that the Congress of the United States refuse the protection of the American flag abroad to any institution outlawed by the American government at home.

Rising to the high privilege which is ours, responding to the solemn duty which has been laid upon us, and confidently trusting in the leadership of Almighty God, with renewed vigor, fixed determination, and consecrated abandon, we move forward to the larger conflict which shall not cease until the liquor traffic has been banished from the face of the earth. *Adopted, May 24, 1924.*

¶ 588. Allocation of Rural Missionary Territory

Whereas, In rural missionary work there is much

overlapping of fields of service in the same territory by Protestant denominations;

Whereas, Lack of adjustment of fields of service results in vast areas of unoccupied or uncared for territory; and

Whereas, In most sections of the United States the Methodist Episcopal Church is in a position to assume responsibility for the care of families not cared for by any other denomination; therefore, be it

Resolved, That wherever possible District Superintendents in cooperation with their Pastors and Laymen definitely allocate all the territory within their respective fields so that no rural family will be without definitely assigned pastoral care; and so that the missionary responsibility of the Methodist Episcopal Church may be definitely known. *Adopted, May 14, 1924.*

¶ 589. Distribution of Book Concern Produce to Foreign Conferences

Resolved, That ¶ 393 shall be interpreted as applying only to the Conferences and Missions in the United States of America, leaving the Foreign Conferences to be provided for by the Book Committee upon such basis as it shall deem equitable.—*Journal, 1916.*

¶ 590. Contributory Retirement Reserve

Whereas, It appears to be imperatively necessary that some fundamental, constructive changes be made in our present noncontributory system for the support of Conference Claimants; and

Whereas, Many other Churches have found it necessary for similar reasons to adopt the contributory reserve pension principle; therefore, be it

Resolved, First. That the Board of Pensions and Relief be and is hereby authorized to make the actuarial in-

vestigation necessary to apply this principle to our present system, and that after the plan shall have been prepared by the actuaries, and approved by the Board, it shall be submitted to the Annual Conferences in America, and, when a majority of them shall have approved the same, the plan shall be put into operation;

Second. That the present provisions and income for Conference Claimants shall be applied for their support according to the provisions of the *Discipline* as hitherto. *Adopted, May 28, 1924.*

¶ 591. Change of Name and Duties of Board of Conference Claimants

Resolved, That the Board of Conference Claimants be and is hereby authorized to change its name to the Board of Pensions and Relief and to secure such amendments to its charter as may be necessary to include the additional duties that have already been assigned to it by the General Conference, including the provisions for the relief of aged and disabled local supply pastors; the equalization of the annuity claims among the several Annual Conferences; the receiving in trust and administering of endowments and other funds for the benefit of Annual Conference deaconesses, medical missionaries, teachers, and other Church workers who are not members of an Annual Conference, and administering the same in accordance with such trust. *Adopted, May 28, 1924.*

¶ 592. Week of Prayer

The General Conference regards the annual observance of the Week of Prayer in concert with the Christian people of other denominations as highly salutary, as an appropriate recognition of the unity of the Church, as a suitable expression of faith in the efficacy of prayer, and as well calculated to promote the spirituality, activity, and prosperity of the Church of Christ.—*Journal*, 1872.

¶ 593. Day of Prayer for Colleges

The Thursday preceding the second Sunday in February shall be observed as the Day of Prayer for Colleges in all Methodist institutions, on which day special effort should be made to present the claims of Christ in an effective manner to the heart and conscience of every student.

We recommend that pastors in their prayers especially remember our institutions of learning, their faculties and students, that prosperity and spiritual blessing may attend them.

¶ 594. Family Worship in the Home

Whereas, One of the great and pressing needs of the Church to-day is a revival of home religion and of worship in the home; and

Whereas, Every home has its atmosphere, where freedom and love prevail, restraint is eliminated, confidences exchanged, and there is the most perfect and most restful liberty; and

Whereas, It is in the home where the first concern for souls is represented in the yearning of father and mother for their children, and out of this devotion of life toward life there is developed the consuming flame of a passion that only love truly knows; and

Whereas, It is our desire to improve the spiritual side of the home life by the inculcation of Christian virtues through the exercise of religious practices in order that a genuine revival of religious life and expressions of spiritual power may be more fully manifested; therefore, be it

Resolved, First: That we reaffirm our faith in the spiritual power and moral uplift which comes to the individual as a result of a regular and systematic observance of daily prayer, reading of the Scriptures, a careful study of God's Word, religious conversation and dis-

cussion of moral and spiritual subjects in the home; and,

Second: That, we appeal to all Methodist families to institute and establish in their homes such a form or program of systematic family worship as may seem advisable and best adapted to meet the spiritual needs and requirements of the various members of the household; and,

Third: That, we earnestly call upon and urge our Pastors and all others having leadership among our people to lay special emphasis upon this very vital subject and endeavor as far as possible to put into operation plans which will bring about the glorification of Jesus Christ in the home through a definite and systematic plan of family worship.—*Journal*, 1920.

¶ 595. Commission on Deaconess Work

Whereas, It appears from certain Memorials referred to this Committee and from information received during the consideration of the same that it would be helpful to the whole church to take into consideration the entire subject of women's activities of the church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Conference that a commission of seven be appointed by the Board of Bishops, of whom one shall be nominated by each of the three forms of administration, to study the whole field of women's activities as they relate themselves to the deaconess work in the church and report their conclusions with reference thereto at the next General Conference. *Adopted*, May 28, 1924.

¶ 596. General Conference Historical Society

There shall be created a General Conference Historical Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having for its purpose the discovery, preservation, and correlation

of all available documents and other materials dealing with the history of said Church.

An Executive Committee for such Historical Society shall be named by the Board of Bishops, and shall be composed of one Bishop, two members of the Book Committee, and two Methodist Historians of recognized standing in their profession.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to represent the Church in all matters pertaining to the historical interests of the Church, and to associate this movement with all departments of the Church directly interested or benefited.

The Executive Committee shall establish a secretarial office upon such a basis as will be self-supporting, and will not entail direct financial responsibility upon the Church.

The Book Concern, through its administrative officers, is authorized and requested to provide suitable headquarters or clearing house space for the said Society for its correspondence, for the assembling of documents and other historical materials, and for their exchange with cooperating societies. *Adopted, May 28, 1924.*

¶ 597. Inter-Board Curriculum Commission

§ 1. We endorse the plan suggested for the Inter-Board Curriculum Commission to be composed as follows:

One Bishop.

Three representatives of the Board of Sunday Schools.

Three representatives of the Board of the Epworth League.

One representative of the Board of Home Missions.

One representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

One representative of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

One representative of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

§ 2. We would also advise that the Commission authorized by the General Conference of 1920 be empowered to perfect Part No. 2 of their report, and make it available for local church commissions. *Adopted, May 28, 1924. Report No. 22, Committee on Temporal Economy.*

CHAPTER V

GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS

¶ 598. Constitutional Vote

"The two-thirds vote" of a General Conference required under ¶ 47 of the *Discipline* means two-thirds of the quorum present and voting and not two-thirds of the entire membership of the body.—*Journal, 1916, Judiciary No. 20.*

¶ 599. Testimony

§ 1. Questions relating to the admissibility of evidence are Questions of Law.—*Journal, 1848, p. 127.*

§ 2. Documentary Evidence need not be spread on the Journal, but should be filed and preserved by the Secretary.—*Journal, 1848, p. 129.*

¶ 600. Irregular Proceedings

§ 1. When an Annual Conference decides that a Preacher in Charge has received or expelled a member contrary to the *Discipline* the decision does not exclude the member so received, but restores the member so expelled.—*Journal, 1852, p. 73, and Journal, 1860, p. 297.*

§ 2. When the Annual Conference decides that a mem-

ber of the Church has been expelled contrary to the *Discipline*, such act of the Conference does not restore him to good standing in the Church, but simply restores him to membership in the Church; and when so restored he is placed in the position he occupied before he was tried—that is, he is an accused member; and hence the Preacher is not at liberty to give him a Certificate of Membership.—*Journal*, 1860, p. 298.

§ 3. Irregularity in the reception of a member is not a bar to trial.—*Journal*, 1860, p. 298.

§ 4. If an expelled member shall gain membership elsewhere without confession, contrition, and satisfactory reformation, his membership is null and void, and any Certificate of such membership should not be received.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 378.

¶ 601. Appeals

§ 1. When an expelled member has by neglect or otherwise forfeited his right to Appeal, a subsequent Quarterly Conference may not hear his Appeal.—*Journal*, 1860, p. 298.

§ 2. If a Member of an Annual Conference should die pending his Appeal to a Judicial Conference, his death shall not affect the Appeal, which may still be prosecuted by his heirs or legal representatives.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 375.

¶ 602. Members of Annual Conferences

§ 1. Every effective Preacher is entitled to an appointment within the Conference of which he is a member. His transfer to another Conference carries with it this right, and therefore should not be made without at the same time making adequate provision in a regular manner for his protection. Nevertheless, if a Preacher requests such a transfer to a Conference not to meet for some time after his transfer, he cannot complain if

he does not receive work until the next ensuing session of the Conference after such transfer.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 372.

§ 2. An action of the General Conference changing the boundaries of an Annual Conference does not of itself affect the Membership of Supernumerary and Retired Ministers, their Membership remaining as before such action until adjusted by mutual agreement of the Conferences affected by such change of boundaries.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 374.

§ 3. No member of an Annual Conference may vote in the election of Delegates to the General Conference, nor upon proposed amendments to the Constitution who is not present at the time and place the vote is taken.—*Journal*, 1916.

¶ 603. Orders

§ 1. The question of electing to Orders a Preacher who has not passed an examination on the Course of Study prescribed for Preachers applying for Orders may not be submitted to a vote of the Conference. A Bishop may not submit to the vote of an Annual Conference the question of obedience to a law of the Church.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 376.

§ 2. The Orders of a Roman Catholic Priest may not be recognized by an Annual Conference.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 373.

¶ 604. Quarterly Conferences

§ 1. The Quarterly Conference may remove Trustees at any time for cause, where the statutes of the State do not prevent.—*Journal*, 1892, p. 490.

§ 2. Supernumerary and Retired Ministers residing out of the bounds of their Annual Conference are members of the Quarterly Conferences where they reside, and are entitled to vote therein.—*Journal*, 1892, p. 490.

¶ 605. Annual Conferences Continuous

§ 1. Individual members come in and go out, but the Conference itself continues. It may adopt rules for its government and Rules of Order for its Annual Sessions, the same to continue at its pleasure and to be amended or repealed as it may provide. In short, it is a permanent body.—*Journal*, 1904.

§ 2. The status of an Annual Conference is not affected by the fact that its membership falls below the number required by the Constitution for the organization of an Annual Conference.—*Journal*, 1904.

¶ 606. Legal Notice Concerning Change of Boundaries

A Legal Notice must specifically indicate (a) the source from which it comes, whether from an Annual Conference, Mission Conference, or from a majority of the District Superintendents or Mission Superintendents, as the case might be; (b) the purpose of the Conference, Mission Conference, Mission, or District Superintendents by whom the notice is issued, which requests a change of boundaries; (c) the character in general of the change in boundaries sought to be effected.

The notice must be served in writing, and delivered to the Secretary of each and every Conference which is to be affected by the proposed change.—*Journal*, 1916. Revision No. 2. See also Report No. 9, Committee on Judiciary, *Journal*, 1920.

¶ 607. Consolidation of Churches

§ 1. The Bishops have full power under the law and usage of the Methodist Episcopal Church to consolidate Churches and appoint one Pastor for the united Congregation.

In so doing they exercise an authority which from the beginning of our distinct Church life has been held to be resident in the Bishop presiding in an Annual Conference by virtue of his power to "fix the appointments of the Preachers."—*Journal*, 1900, p. 422.

§ 2. When two charges, supplied for the time being by the same preacher, retain their separate organizations, each charge is entitled to elect its own delegate to the Lay Electoral Conference.—*Journal*, 1912.

¶ 608. Negotiations Between Preachers and People

Direct negotiations between Pastors and Churches in advance of the making of the appointments by the Bishops are contrary to the spirit of our itinerant ministry and subversive of our ecclesiastical polity, and as such should be discouraged by our Bishops, Pastors, and people.—*Journals*, 1884 and 1912.

¶ 609. Union with Other Churches

Whenever any Synod, Conference, Church Society, or other body of Christians, agreeing in doctrine with the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall desire to become a component part of said Church, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church most nearly or conveniently related, territorially, to such Synod, Conference, Church Society, or body, shall have power, with the consent of the Bishop presiding, on being satisfied with the agreement of such Synod, Conference, Church Society, or body of Christians with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Doctrine and Discipline, to receive such organization in a body into our communion. Ministers so received shall hold such relations and enjoy such privileges as they would hold or enjoy if admitted individually on their credentials. Members so received shall sustain the same relation to the local Church as they

would sustain if received individually by certificates. Before such reception, however, a properly authenticated register of such ministers and members shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Conference considering such reception. In all cases of the reception of Churches, satisfactory assurance shall be given to the Conference that the property shall be placed in the custody of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the Churches will receive pastors appointed by the authority of the General Conference of the Church.—*Journal*, 1896, p. 308.

¶ 610. Pro Rata Distribution of Ministerial Support

The law of the Church in regard to the *pro rata* division of the amounts raised for ministerial support is binding, and it is incumbent on the Pastors and District Superintendents to see that such *pro rata* division be made.—*Journal*, 1912.

¶ 611. Complaints and Charges

§ 1. The question, "Are there any Complaints?" does not refer to Members of Annual Conferences, but refers (1) to charges of crime brought against Preachers on Trial in the Annual Conference; (2) to complaints made against the moral or official conduct of Local Preachers; and (3) to complaints made against the official conduct of members of the Quarterly Conference other than those named above.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 376.

§ 2. The dismissal of a preliminary complaint is not a bar to a new complaint.—*Journal*, 1884, p. 372.

§ 3. An Annual Conference has the right to refuse to entertain charges preferred against a member, and one so accused does not have to be tried if the Conference refuses to entertain the charges.—*Journal*, 1916, *Judiciary*, No. 8

¶ 612. Relief of Supply Preacher¹

May an Annual Conference make provision for the relief of Local Preachers who have given long and faithful service as supply pastors? To this we reply that such provision, in our judgment, would be entirely proper, if an Annual Conference wishes so to do, but such aid must be from funds other than those raised for Conference Claimants, and from funds which must have been raised specifically for the aid of persons other than Conference Claimants.—*Journal*, 1916, *Judiciary*, No. 17.

¹See ¶¶ 226; 484, § 4.

CHAPTER VI

PROPOSED CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

¶ 613. Plan of Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

(Adopted May 7, 1924; 802 for, 13 against)

[*The following Plan of Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on May 7, 1924, and by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on July 4, 1924, by the requisite Constitutional vote in each case.*]

ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF UNION

The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be united in one Church

with two Jurisdictions, under a constitution, with a General Conference and two Jurisdictional Conferences.

ARTICLE II. NAME

The name of the Church shall be.....

ARTICLE III. JURISDICTIONS

Section 1. Jurisdiction Number One shall comprise all the Churches, Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church and any other such Conferences and Missions as may hereafter be organized by its Jurisdictional Conference with the approval of the General Conference.

Section 2. Jurisdiction Number Two shall comprise all the Churches, Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, now constituting the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and any other such Conferences and Missions as may hereafter be organized by its Jurisdictional Conference with the approval of the General Conference.

ARTICLE IV. COMPOSITION OF GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

The General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of the same delegates. Said delegates shall be elected by and from the Annual Conferences, provided said General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall have not more than one ministerial delegate for every forty-five members of each Annual Conference and not less than one ministerial delegate for every one hundred and twenty members of each Annual Conference, and an equal number of lay delegates, chosen according to the regulations of each of the two Jurisdictions; but for a fraction of two thirds or more, of the number fixed by the General Conferences as the ratio of representation, an Annual Conference shall be

entitled to an additional ministerial and an additional lay delegate; and provided further that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate.

ARTICLE V. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. VOTING

Every vote in the General Conference shall be by Jurisdictions and shall require the accepted majority vote of each Jurisdiction to be effective.

SECTION 2. POWERS

Subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution, the General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional, and in the exercise of said power shall have authority as follows:.

(1) To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership.

(2) To define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons, Local Preachers, Exhorters, and Deaconesses.

(3) To make provision for such organization of the work of the united Church outside the United States as may promptly consummate the unity of Episcopal Methodism in foreign lands.

(4) To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy; to fix the number of Bishops to be elected by the respective Jurisdictional Conferences and to provide, in harmony with the historic practice of Episcopal Methodism, for their consecration as Bishops of the whole Church.

(5) To alter and change the Hymnal and Ritual of the Church, and to regulate all matters relating to the Form and Mode of Worship, subject to the limitation of the first Restrictive Rule.

(6) To provide for a Judicial System and for a

method of Judicial Procedure for the Church, except as herein otherwise provided.

(7) To govern any and all enterprises and activities which may be agreed upon as being of a connectional character.

(8) To provide for the transfer of members, preachers, churches, pastoral charges, districts, Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, in the United States, from one Jurisdiction to the other, provided that no transfer shall be made without the consent of the member, preacher, church, pastoral charge, district, Annual Conference, Mission Conference or Mission that it is proposed to transfer.

SECTION 3. RESTRICTIVE RULES

In making rules and regulations for the Church, the General Conference shall be under the following limitations and restrictions:

(1) The General Conference shall not revoke, alter or change our Articles of Religion or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

(2) The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government, so as to do away Episcopacy, or destroy the plan of our itinerant general superintendency.

(3) The General Conference shall not revoke or change the General Rules of the United Societies.

(4) The General Conference shall not do away the privileges of our ministers or preachers of trial by a committee, and of an appeal; neither shall they do away the privileges of our members of trial before the Church, or by a committee, and of an appeal.

(5) The General Conference shall not appropriate the produce of the Publishing House or of the Chartered Fund to any purpose other than for the benefit of the traveling, supernumerary, superannuated, and worn-out preachers, their wives, widows and children.

ARTICLE VI. BISHOPS

The Bishops of the two Churches as at present constituted shall be Bishops of the united Church without further action.

Immediately after the union shall have been consummated, the Bishops shall meet and organize as one body, and shall arrange for the superintendence of the work of the Church.

A Bishop may be assigned to administer in any part of the Church, provided that when he is assigned to administer within the Jurisdiction other than that by which he was elected, it shall be with the consent of the majority of the Bishops of the Jurisdiction involved.

ARTICLE VII. PRESIDENCY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Bishops shall select by a majority vote of the Bishops of each Jurisdiction one or more of their number from each Jurisdiction to preside at the sessions of the General Conference.

ARTICLE VIII. JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES

Each Jurisdiction shall have a Jurisdictional Conference possessing the full powers of the General Conference of the Church now constituting said Jurisdiction, except such powers as are herein vested in the General Conference, or which may hereafter from time to time be legally delegated to the General Conference by the Jurisdictional Conferences.

Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet quadrennially where the General Conference is to assemble and immediately prior to its assembling, and when desirable may meet during the session of the General Conference, and at such other times and places as it may determine.

ARTICLE IX. THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

(1) The General Conference shall, at its first session,

provide for a Judicial Council, to be composed of an equal number of members, elected by each Jurisdictional Conference, and the Judicial Council shall provide its own methods of procedure.

(2) The Judicial Council shall be authorized to review, upon appeal of one fifth of the members of the General Conference or of either Jurisdictional Conference, or on the appeal of a majority of the Bishops, on constitutional grounds, the acts of the General Conference and of the Jurisdictional Conferences; to hear and to determine all other appeals and matters coming to it in the course of legal procedure.

(3) The Judicial Council shall have the right on its own motion, subject to such rules and regulations as shall be determined by the General Conference, to review the legislative acts of the General Conference or of either Jurisdictional Conference and to pass on the constitutionality of said acts.

(4) The Judicial Council shall also have power to arrest an action of a connectional board or other connectional body when such action is brought before it by appeal by one fifth of the members of said body, present and voting, or by a majority of the Bishops.

(5) All decisions of the Judicial Council shall be made by a majority of the total membership of the Council.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The General Conference shall at its first session provide, in harmony with the existing procedure of the two Churches, a method of amending the constitution. and until such method shall have been adopted, amendments shall be effected through the process now prevailing in the Churches, respectively.

ARTICLE XI. SCHEDULE

In all matters not specifically set forth in these Articles and until the General Conference by legal

process shall otherwise ordain, the rules of government in the *Disciplines* of the respective Churches shall be of full force and effect and binding upon the Jurisdictions, respectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that financial support of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church be continued by the Jurisdiction with which it is historically related and to such an extent as that Jurisdiction may deem wise.

SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION

¶ 613A, § 1. By action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church taken under date of May 27, 1924, it was ordered:

"That when the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall have adopted the plan of Unification recommended by the Joint Commission and already adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be and they are hereby instructed to submit the plan of Unification to the vote of the Annual Conferences meeting during the year 1925, and subject to the same proviso, under ¶ 39, § 1, which provides that "Lay Electoral Conferences shall be constituted quadrennially, or whenever duly called by the General Conference," the General Conference hereby calls the Lay Electoral Conferences within the bounds of the Annual Conferences to meet during the year 1925, for the purpose of voting upon the plan of Unification and the constitutional changes involved therein and the result shall be immediately announced.¹

§ 2. The conditions prescribed in § 1 having been met, the foregoing plan of Unification with the constitutional changes involved therein must now, pursuant to the order of the General Conference of 1924, be sub-

¹ See ¶ 578, § 2.

mitted to the Annual Conferences and the Lay Electoral Conferences meeting during the year 1925. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the Annual Conferences and of all the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences, present and voting, is necessary for adoption.

EDITOR *Discipline*.

¶ 614. Laymen in Annual Conferences

§ 1. *Resolved*, That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church recommend that Division III, Chapter I, Article III, of the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church be amended by adding the words, "Laymen shall be admitted to the Annual Conferences on such conditions and under such regulations as the General Conference shall from time to time determine." So that the entire article shall read: "The traveling preachers shall be organized by the General Conference into Annual Conferences, the sessions of which they are required to attend. Laymen shall be admitted to the Annual Conferences on such conditions and under such regulations as the General Conference shall from time to time determine."

§ 2. *Resolved*, That in case this proposed amendment shall receive the necessary recommendation of the General Conference it shall be submitted to the several Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences for their concurrence. *Adopted, May 29, 1924, and ordered to be submitted to the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences during the year 1925.*

CHAPTER VII

FORMS AND CONSTITUTIONS

¶ 615, § 1. Constitution for a Sunday School

ARTICLE I. This School shall be called the Sunday School of, auxiliary to the Board of Sunday

Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and connected with the Quarterly Conference of It shall consist of the Preacher in Charge, the Sunday School Committee appointed by the Quarterly Conference, the Officers, the Teachers, and the Pupils.

ARTICLE II. The object of this School shall be the promotion of Christian character through the devout and diligent study of the Word* of God.

ARTICLE III. The Local Sunday School Board shall consist of the Pastor, who shall be *ex officio* chairman, the Director of Religious Education (when there is one), the Committee on Religious Instruction appointed by the Quarterly Conference, the Superintendent, who shall be *ex officio* Vice-Chairman, the Assistant Superintendents, the heads of departments, the duly elected Secretaries, Treasurer, and Librarians, the Teachers of the School, the Assistant Teachers nominated and elected in the same way as the Teachers, the President of the Sunday School Missionary Society, the President of the Sunday School Temperance Society, and the Home Department Visitors, who shall be elected in the same way as the Teachers. In case of withdrawal of Officers or Teachers from the School they shall cease to be members of the Board.

ARTICLE IV. The Superintendent shall be elected annually by ballot by the Local Sunday School Board, subject to confirmation by the Quarterly Conference at its next session after such election. In case of a vacancy the Preacher in Charge shall superintend, or secure the superintending of, the School, until such time as the Superintendent elected by the Local Sunday School Board be confirmed by the Quarterly Conference. The other Officers of the School shall be elected annually, by ballot, by the Local Sunday School Board on The Teachers of the School shall be nominated by the Superintendent, with the concurrence of the Pastor, and elected annually by the Sunday School Board.

ARTICLE V. Regular meetings of this Board shall be held on the of each month, for the transaction of such business as relates to the interest of the School, at which the following order shall be observed: 1. Singing and prayer. 2. Calling roll. 3. Reading minutes. 4. Unfinished business. 5. Reports from Committees. 6. Reports from Superintendents. 7. Report from Treasurer. 8. Report from Librarian concerning the state of the Library and the number and kind of periodicals taken by the School. 9. Reports from the Pastor and from the Committee on Religious Instruction. 10. Reports from the Teachers. 11. Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE VI. At all meetings for business shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Pastor, the Superintendent, or by any three of the members.

ARTICLE VIII. In case of the withdrawal of Officers or Teachers from the School they cease to be members of this Board; and the place of any Officer or Teacher habitually neglecting his or her duty, inefficient, or guilty of improper conduct, or of teaching contrary to the accepted doctrines of our Church, may be declared vacant by a vote of two thirds of the Board present at any regular or special meeting. When a Teacher ceases to teach, without the consent of the Superintendent, membership in the Local Sunday School Board shall thereby be discontinued.

ARTICLE IX. Vacancies in offices may be filled at any monthly or special meeting, one month's notice having been given of the election.

ARTICLE X. This Constitution shall not be altered except by two thirds of all the members present at a meeting called for that purpose; and such alterations must be in harmony with the provisions of the *Discipline* of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—*Journal*.

§ 2. Constitution for a Sunday School Missionary Society

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, and shall be auxiliary to the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society shall be to promote in all practical ways the interests of the Missionary cause within the bounds of this School.

ARTICLE III. All the members of this School shall be members of the Society.

ARTICLE IV. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall together constitute a Board of Managers, to be elected annually by the Sunday School Board on the of

ARTICLE V. A part of the session of the School on the first Sunday of every month shall be set apart for Missionary exercises and the reception of gifts for the cause of Missions; and it shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to provide for such exercises, varying the program from month to month in such a way as to engage actively as many of the School as possible in acquiring and supplying information and inspiration on Missionary topics. The Managers shall also devise and set in vigorous operation whatever schemes they can, such as mite-boxes, collection cards, occasional Missionary concerts, or sales, etc., for increasing the Missionary contributions of the School.

ARTICLE VI. Vacancies in the offices may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the Sunday School Board.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution shall not be altered except by vote of two thirds of all the members of the Local Sunday School Board, at a meeting called for that purpose.

¶ 616. Charges

§ 1. In drafting charges and specifications for the trial of an accused member of the Church there should be a brief statement, defining the offense by its generic name, such as "Defamation," "Dishonesty," "Lying," "Imprudent Conduct," "Indulging Sinful Tempers or Words," "Disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the Church," "Neglecting Prayer Meetings," "Neglecting Class Meetings," etc. Each charge should be accompanied with one or more specifications germane to the charge; and the following forms may serve to illustrate the manner of preparing charges and specifications. The charges and specifications must be so varied in the several cases as to meet the facts or evidence relied upon for conviction. The bill of charges should be signed by one or more members of the Church, and must be addressed to the Preacher in Charge of the Circuit or Station in which the accused person holds his membership.

§ 2. IMMORAL CONDUCT

FORM No. I

To A. B., Preacher in Charge of Circuit or Station:

DEAR BROTHER: The undersigned, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, complains to you that C. D., a member of the same Church, has been guilty of Immoral Conduct, and he is hereby charged therewith as follows:

CHARGE: DEFAMATION

Specification 1. The said C. D., on the day of, 19....., at, did write and publish, maliciously and in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, the following false and libelous matter of and concerning E. F., to wit: (*Here copy the writing complained of.*)

Specification 2. The said C. D., on the day of, 19...., at, did utter and publish maliciously and in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, the following defamatory and libelous matter of and concerning E. F., to wit: (*Here copy the matter published.*)

Specification 3. The said C. D., on the day of, 19...., at, did maliciously and in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, speak, utter, and publish, in the hearing of divers persons, the following false and slanderous words concerning E. F., that is to say, "*He [meaning the said E. F.] is a thief.*"

[Signed] M. N.

FORM No. II

[The address to the Preacher in Charge should be the same as in No. 1.]

CHARGE: LYING

Specification. The said C. D., on the day of 19...., at, did, in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, falsely and willfully say (*here insert what was said*), or words to that effect, knowing the statement to be misleading and false. [Signed] M. N.

§ 3. IMPRUDENT AND UNCHRISTIAN CONDUCT

In this class of cases preliminary labor is required before the accused person is liable to be arraigned and tried, and it should be averred in the complaint that such preliminary labor has been performed, for without such averment there is nothing to show that the person is liable to be tried. The following form may be used:

FORM No. III

To A. B., Preacher in Charge of Circuit or Station:
DEAR BROTHER: Inasmuch as C. D., a member of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, indulged sinful tempers, and was afterward reprov'd, as the *Discipline* provides; yet the said C. D. was guilty of a second transgression, and he was again reprov'd as the *Discipline* provides; yet, notwithstanding these repeated reproofs, the said C. D. continues impenitent and still persists in indulging sinful tempers, thereby bringing reproach upon the Church; therefore the undersigned complains to you of the conduct of the said C. D., and charges him as follows:

CHARGE: INDULGING SINFUL TEMPER

Specification. The said C. D., on the day of, 19...., at, and at other times and places, namely (*here specify times and places*), did on three several occasions become angry and indulged in sinful tempers, in violation of the *Discipline*.

[Signed] M. N.

FORM No. IV

To A. B., Preacher in Charge of Circuit or Station:

DEAR BROTHER: Forasmuch as C. D., on the day of, 19.... at, became angry and indulged sinful tempers, in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, and, though reprov'd therefor after the manner prescribed in the *Discipline*, he made no acknowledgment of the fault, and showed no proper humiliation, and he still continues impenitent; therefore the undersigned complains to you of the conduct of C. D., and hereby charges him as follows:

CHARGE: INDULGING SINFUL TEMPER

Specification. C. D., on the day of, at, became angry and indulged in sinful tempers, in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*; and, notwithstanding he has been reprov'd on account thereof, as the *Disci-*

pline provides, he has made no acknowledgment of the fault, and has shown no proper humiliation, but continues impenitent, in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*. [Signed] M. N.

§ 4. NEGLECT OF THE MEANS OF GRACE

FORM NO. V

To A. B., Preacher in Charge of Circuit or Station:

DEAR BROTHER: Inasmuch as C. D., a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, had for a long time neglected public worship, and having so neglected was visited by the Preacher, who explained to him the consequences should he continue such neglect; and yet, notwithstanding such visit and explanation, he does not amend, but continues to neglect public worship, therefore the undersigned complains to you of the conduct of C. D., and hereby charges him as follows:

CHARGE: HABITUAL NEGLECT OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Specification. The said C. D., unmindful of his duty and in violation of the Rules of the *Discipline*, does habitually neglect public worship. [Signed] M. N.

NOTE.—It is sufficient to charge the offense by its generic name, and under such charge the complaint may set forth in specifications as many instances of the offense as it may seem proper to insert, provided, always, the specification must sustain the charge. In preparing the charges and specifications care should be taken in setting out the offense so to describe it in each specification as that it shall embody the essential elements of the offense, that the accused may be apprised more certainly of the nature of the charge upon which he is to be arraigned and tried.

CHAPTER VIII

COURSES OF STUDY

I. In General

¶ 617. §1. The General Conference earnestly recommends to all candidates for the Ministry of our Church that they complete a full collegiate course of study, and, if possible, a course in one of our Theological Schools, before applying for admission to an Annual Conference.

§ 2. No candidate shall be admitted to an Annual Conference on trial until he shall have completed a course of study equivalent to the University Senate requirements for admission to college, except under special conditions and then only after, at least, three years' successful Ministerial service under a District Superintendent, and only by two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference.

§ 3. The Annual Conference cannot excuse a preacher on trial from the legally prescribed Conference course of study or admit him into full membership without satisfactory examination upon such course of study.

§ 4. When a Preacher in full connection fails to be advanced in his work in the Conference Course of study for a given year, said year shall not be counted as a year of effective service unless he is in attendance upon a standard school or is excused by a two-thirds vote of his Conference upon the recommendation of the Board of Examiners.

§ 5. No candidate shall be permitted to remain longer than four consecutive years on trial nor longer than eight consecutive years in the Course of Study after being admitted on trial unless extension of time shall be

recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Examiners and authorized by a two-thirds vote of the Annual Conference. Failure to complete the first two years of the Course of Study within four years shall automatically discontinue the candidate on trial, and failure to complete the entire four years of the Course of Study within eight years shall automatically locate a member of the Conference unless extension of time shall be granted as indicated above. In no case shall a person be permitted to remain longer than ten years in the Course of Study.

II. Certificates

¶ 618, § 1. Certificates from our regular Theological Seminaries and other educational agencies approved by our University Senate may be accepted by the Conferences: provided, (1) that each certificate shall distinctly show that the student has been a regular attendant on the classroom instruction in the specified book; and (2) that he has passed a thorough examination in the book, gaining a standing equivalent to that fixed in ¶ 619, § 4, it being understood that the Annual Conference shall examine all candidates in regard to their personal attitude toward the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church.

§ 2. Any Conference also, at its discretion, may accept similar certificates from the institutions above described, indicating like proficiency in any particular study, secured by the use of a different book or by lectures fully equivalent to the corresponding book in our Course of Study.

§ 3. Similar certificates in studies not biblical or theological may be accepted from other than Methodist Colleges, if of equal grade with those approved by our University Senate, and in American history from academies or seminaries either approved by our University Senate, or of equal grade with those thus approved.

§ 4. Graduates of college, who are also graduates of one of our regular theological seminaries, shall be exempted from examination on the Conference Course of Studies, except on the *Discipline*.

§ 5. A certificate testifying that the candidate has completed satisfactorily at least two years of college work in any college of equal grade with those approved by our University Senate may be accepted in place of an examination in "the English language."

§ 6. All certificates shall state the time when the studies were pursued.

§ 7. A certificate for the purpose of recording the annual markings in the required studies for the entire course shall be issued to persons licensed to preach, or received on trial.

III. Method of Conducting Conference Examinations

¶ 619, § 1. In each Annual Conference a Board of Examiners shall be appointed by the presiding Bishop, consisting of not less than eight nor more than twenty-four members, care being taken to select men with special qualifications for the work, to which shall be referred all Preachers, both traveling and local, pursuing the Course of Study with a view of ordination or Conference membership. This Board shall be continued for a term of four years, subject to reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled by the Bishop at each session of the Annual Conference.

§ 2. This Board shall organize by electing one of its members Chairman and another Registrar, the latter to keep a permanent record of the standing of the students, and report to the Conference when required. This record shall include the credits allowed students for work done in Theological Seminaries and Colleges described in ¶ 618. The Commission has prepared an official Regis-

trar's Record Book. It should be ordered through The Book Concern and its directions carefully followed.

§ 3. The Chairman shall assign to each Examiner the books or subjects in which he is to give instruction by correspondence and final examination. Vacancies occurring in the Board of Examiners during the year may be filled by the Chairman until the ensuing Annual Conference.

§ 4. Examinations shall be in writing, and all work shall be graded on the scale of 100. All "required written work" indicated in the "Directions and Helps" shall be marked on the same scale. The final mark in a subject where there are both examinations and required written work shall be determined by averaging the marks on these two. The minimum passing mark in any subject shall be 70.

§ 5. The Board of Examiners, under authorization of the Annual Conference, may appoint time and place for examinations between Conference sessions, and may require attendance of undergraduates at the same. The permanent Commission on the Conference Courses of Study, or any Conference or group of Conferences, may establish an institute or institutes for the further training of undergraduates and the Annual Conference may require their attendance at its sessions. Likewise it may require undergraduates to carry on the work of the Course of Study by correspondence as facilities for the same may be provided by the Commission.

§ 6. The Board of Examiners shall convene at the seat and time of the Annual Conference, the day before the session opens, to review and complete the work of the year and to arrange for the work of the year to come. The provision for mid-year examinations shall not deprive any candidate for admission on trial from being examined at the seat and time of the Annual Conference.

§ 7. Local Preachers who are supplies and who are giving their full time to Pastoral work under the District Superintendents shall be required to take the Local

Preachers' Course of Study year by year, under the Annual Conference Board of Examiners, this rule to apply to all men under forty years of age and likewise to all Local Preachers who shall be newly employed beginning with the fall of 1920.

FOR THE MINISTRY

ENGLISH COURSES

¶ 620. Traveling Preachers

§ 1. DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS AND EXAMINERS

Special attention is called to the "Directions and Helps" as listed in the Courses of Study for Traveling Preachers, and for Local Preachers. For each subject in these courses there is a separate pamphlet, giving the student the necessary directions for his work and help in his study. They indicate also the written work which must be done in connection with each subject, including the "Collateral Reading and Study." This written work is a part of the required course equally with any of the books to be studied. These pamphlets are bound together in one volume for each year listed as the "Directions and Helps." This volume is to be ordered by the student from The Book Concern with his other books.

Conference examiners must have these "Directions and Helps" in order to carry on their work. At the beginning of each quadrennium a set of these is furnished to each registrar for free distribution to the examiners. It is the duty of the registrar to forward to each examiner the pamphlets which bear upon the books assigned to the latter. If extra supplies are needed later, they must be purchased by the Conference Board from The Book Concern. The Commission does not handle the "Directions and Helps." An "Examiner's Handbook" containing explanations and suggestions for examiners will also be furnished free to each examiner. The new edi-

tion for the quadrennium will be distributed through the registrars as soon as issued.

Wherever it is at all possible, the Annual Conference is urged to make provision through its Board of Examiners for a mid-year institute, at which examinations may be held, instruction given to the men in the course of study, and lectures and addresses offered for all preachers.

The following Courses of Study go into effect for both the spring and fall Conferences with the beginning of the Conference year 1925-1926; but examinations held at the Conference sessions of 1925 shall be on the old courses.

§ 2. EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

1. Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1924, with special reference to the Articles of Religion. (For a good commentary on these, see Wheeler, *Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*)

2. American History.—*James and Sanford.*

3. Life of John Wesley.—*Winchester.*

4. (a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection.—*Wesley.*

(b) Selections from the Writings of John Wesley (new edition).—*Welch.*

5. A Bible Biography. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than one thousand words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible: The Life of Moses, The Life of David, The Life of Jesus as recorded by Mark, The Life of Paul as given in Acts. The subject to be written upon will be assigned at the time of the examination.

6. A written sermon.

7. Directions and Helps for the Examination for Admission. (See under § 1.)

All papers submitted by the candidate shall be ex-

amined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the Course.

§ 3. COURSE OF STUDY FOR FIRST YEAR

1. New Testament History.—*Rall*.
2. Evangelism.—*Hannan*.
3. The Work of Preaching.—*Hoyt*.
4. The Art of Writing English.—*Brown and Barnes*.
5. Human Behavior.—*Colvin and Bagley*.
6. Directions and Helps for the First Year. (See § 1.)

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. Jesus in the Experience of Men.—*Glover*.
2. The Pastor-Preacher.—*Quayle*.
3. Citizenship and Moral Reform.—*Langdale*.
4. Steps in the Development of American Democracy.
—*McLaughlin*.
5. Francis Asbury.—*Tipple*.
6. Wesley's Sermons. Vol. 1.
7. Special Homiletical Work. (See Homiletical Directions in Directions and Helps.)

§ 4. COURSE OF STUDY FOR SECOND YEAR

1. Dictionary of the Bible (One Volume Edition).—*Hastings*.
2. History of the Christian Church.—*Walker*.
(Omitting pages 1-41.)
3. (a) The Pupil and the Teacher.—*Weigle*.
(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.—*Meyer*.
4. The Pastoral Office.—*Beebe*.
5. Directions and Helps for the Second Year. (See § 1.)

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament.—*Eiselen*.
2. The Organization and Administration of Religious Education.—*Stout*.

3. (a) The Church in the City.—*Leete*; or
(b) The Rural Church Serving the Community.—*Earp*.
4. History of Methodism. (Vol. I.) *Stevens*.
5. Life of Luther.—*McGiffert*.
6. Wesley's Sermons. (Vol. II.)
7. Special Homiletical Work. (See Homiletical Directions in Directions and Helps.)

§ 5. COURSE OF STUDY FOR THIRD YEAR

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy.—*Knudson*.
2. Foundations of Christian Belief.—*Strickland*.
3. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.—*Federal Council of Churches*.
4. Religions of Mankind.—*Soper*.
5. Neely's Parliamentary Practice.
6. Directions and Helps for the Third Year. (See § 1.)

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. Studies in Christianity.—*Bowne*.
2. Jesus Christ and the Social Question.—*Peabody*.
3. History of Methodism. (Vol. II.) *Stevens*.
4. Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition).—*Allen*.
5. The Art of Preaching.—*Brown*.
6. Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope.—*Rall*.
7. The Methodist Review.
8. Special Homiletical Work. (See Homiletical Directions in Directions and Helps.)

§ 6. COURSE OF STUDY FOR FOURTH YEAR

1. Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.
2. System of Christian Doctrine.—*Sheldon*. (Except Part I and Appendix.)
3. Freedom and Christian Conduct.—*Haas*.
4. The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II). Expositor's Bible.—*Smith*.
5. Directions and Helps for the Fourth Year. (See § 1.)

¶ 621 COURSES OF STUDY—LICENSE

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. James W. Bashford.—*Grose*.
2. Outline of Christian Theology.—*Clarke*.
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ.—*McDowell*.
4. Church Cooperation in Community Life.—*Vogt*.
5. History of Methodism (Vol. III).—*Stevens*.
6. The Methodist Review.
7. Special Homiletical Work. (See Homiletical Directions in Directions and Helps.)

¶ 621. License to Preach

Candidates for License to preach are to be examined in the common branches of an English education, and on their general knowledge of the Bible, and of the Doctrines and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NOTE.—In the case of Local Preachers who are candidates for the Traveling Ministry, Examinations may be suspended while they are pursuing regular Courses of Study in our Theological Seminaries or in Universities or Colleges approved by our University Senate, until they shall become Candidates for Deacons' or Elders' orders.

¶ 622. Local Preachers

Directions and Helps for the Four Years, one volume. This book is a part of the regular course in each year. Read carefully ¶ 620, § 1.

§ 1. FIRST YEAR

1. Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1924.
2. John Wesley, the Methodist.
3. The Pastoral Office.—*Beebe*.
4. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.—*Meyer*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley (new edition).—*Welch*.
2. Tongue of Fire.—*Arthur*.
3. The Making of the Bible.—*Vernon*.

§ 2. SECOND YEAR

1. Life of Christ.—*Stalker*.
2. Human Behavior.—*Colvin and Bagley*.
3. The Work of Preaching.—*Hoyt*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. A Compendious History of American Methodism.—*Stevens*.
2. Understanding the Scriptures.—*McConnell*.
3. Religious Education in the Home.—*Folsom*.

§ 3. THIRD YEAR

1. Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.
2. A Short History of the Christian Church.—*Moncrief*.
3. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.—*Federal Council of Churches*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. Evangelism.—*Hannan*.
2. Jesus in the Experience of Men.—*Glover*.
3. The Rural Church Serving the Community.—*Earp*.

§ 4. FOURTH YEAR

1. Religions of Mankind.—*Soper*.
2. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience.—*Buck*.
3. The Prophets in the Light of To-day.—*Hill*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. The Bible—Its Origin and Nature.—*Dods*.
2. The Art of Preaching.—*Brown*.
3. The Pastor-Preacher.—*Quayle*.

¶ 623. Local Preachers Who Are Candidates for Orders

§ 1. DEACONS' ORDERS

Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacons' Orders must bring to the Annual Conference satisfactory evidence that they have passed in the Four Years' Course

¶ 624 COURSES OF STUDY—CLASS LEADERS

of Study for Local Preachers, and must also pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following books:

1. Outline of Christian Theology.—*Clarke*.
2. The Bible and Life.—*Hughes*.
3. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ.—*McDowell*.
4. John and His Writings.—*Hayes*.

§ 2. ELDERS' ORDERS

Local Deacons who are candidates for Elders' Orders must pass a satisfactory examination at the Annual Conference on the following course:

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament.
Eiselen.
2. Francis Asbury.—*Tipple*.
3. Modernism and the Christian Faith.—*Faulkner*.
4. Religious Experience.—*Mains*.

¶ 624. Class or Unit Leaders

See ¶ 64

This course is also earnestly recommended to Exhorters and to other lay workers.

1. The Primer of Christian Doctrine.—*Terry*.
2. The Making of the Bible.—*Vernon*.
3. The Bible, Its Origin and Nature.—*Dods*.
4. Preparatory Lessons for Church Membership.—
Bugbee.
5. John Wesley, the Methodist.
6. A Compendious History of American Methodism.
—*Stevens*.
7. The Drill Master of Methodism.—*Goodell*.
8. Individual Work for Individuals.—*Trumbull*.
9. Modern Meaning of Church Membership.—*Versteeg*.
10. Organization and Administration of the Sunday
School.—*Cunninggim and North*.
11. Twice Born Men.—*Begbie*.
12. The Tongue of Fire.—*Arthur*.

GERMAN COURSES

¶ 625. *Reiseprediger*

§ 1. ZULASSUNG AUF PROBE

1. Der groessere Katechismus der Bischoefflichen Methodisten Kirche.—*Nast.*
2. Kirchenordnung. (I-IV Teil.)
3. Life of Wesley.—*Winchester.*
4. Selections from the Writings of the Rev. John Wesley, M.A.—*Welch.*
5. Geschichte des deutschsprachlichen Methodismus.—*Roser.*

Anmerkung: Kandidat soll einen Aufsatz von 1,000 Woertern ueber den wichtigsten Beitrag des deutschsprachlichen Methodismus fuer Kirche und Staat liefern.

6. American History.—*James and Sanford.*
7. Die Christliche Erfahrung.—*Merrill.*
8. Aufsatz—Bericht von dem Kandidaten ueber Bildungsgang, Bekehrung, und Berufung zum Predigtamt. Aufsatz ueber einen biblischen Gegenstand.

§ 2. ERSTES JAHR

1. Einleitung in die Heilige Schrift (Neues Testament).—*Weber-Deinzer.*
2. New Testament History.—*Rall.*
3. Human Behavior.—*Colvin and Bagley.*
4. Evangelism.—*Hannan.*
5. *Homiletics.*—*Munz or Burt.*

Zum Lesen:

1. Geschichte des Methodismus.—*Nuelsen-Mann.*
2. Jesus in the Experience of Men.—*Glover.*
3. Citizenship and Moral Reform.—*Langdale.*
4. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ.—*McDowell.*
5. The Boy Problem.—*Forbush.*
6. Steps in the Development of American Democracy.—*McLaughlin.*

§ 3. ZWEITES JAHR

1. Einleitung in die Heilige Schrift (Altes Testament).—*Weber-Deinzer*.
2. Church History.—*Walker*. (Omitting pp. 1-41.)
3. Die religiöse-sittliche Erziehung.—*Hertzler*.
4. The Pastoral Office.—*Beebe*.

Zum Lesen :

1. The Church in the City.—*Leete*; or
The Country Church Serving the Community.—*Earp*.
2. The Christian View of the Old Testament.—*Eiselen*.
3. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.—*Meyer*.
4. Jugendlchre.—*Foerster*.
5. Der Religiöse Wille.—*Pfennigsdorf*.

§ 4. DRITTES JAHR

1. Das Christliche Heilsleben.—*Paulus*.
2. Foundations of Christian Belief.—*Strickland*.
3. Introduction to the Study of Sociology.—*Hayes*.
4. Beacon Lights of Prophecy.—*Knudson*.

Zum Lesen :

1. Persoenlichkeit und Christliche Lebensphilosophie.—*Pfennigsdorf*.
2. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.
3. Luther's Leben.—*Rade*.
4. Das Glueck.—*Hilty*.
5. Methodist Review.

§ 5. VIERTES JAHR

1. System der Christlichen Lehre.—*Schneider*.
2. Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.
3. The Book of Isaiah (Vols. I-II).
4. The Religions of Mankind.—*Soper*.

Zum Lesen :

1. James W. Bashford.—*Grose.*
2. "Kennst du das Land?"—*Schneller.*
3. Das Problem des Lebens.—*Eucken.*
4. Outline of Christian Theology.—*Clarke.*
5. Methodist Review.

¶ 626. Lokalprediger

§ 1. BEVOLLMAECHTIGUNG ZUM PREDIGEN

Die Kandidaten für Bevollmächtigung zum Predigen sollen eine Prüfung bestehen über ihre Bibelkenntnis und Bekanntschaft mit den Lehren und Gebräuchen der Bischoflichen Methodisten Kirche.

§ 2. ERSTES JAHR

1. Lehrbuch der Heiligen Geschichte.—*Kurtz.* (Altes Testament.)
2. Der groessere Kaetechismus der Bischoeflichen Methodisten Kirche.—*Nast.*
3. Die Kirchenordnung.

Zum Lesen :

1. Die Christliche Erfahrung auf den verschiedenen Stufen des Gnadenwerks.—*Merrill.*
2. Wesley und seine Mitarbeiter.—*Nast.*

§ 3. ZWEITES JAHR

1. Lehrbuch der Heiligen Geschichte.—*Kurtz.* (Neues Testament.)
2. Wesleys Predigten. (Deutsche Ausgabe, I Teil, 33 Predigten.)
3. Christliche Kirchengeschichte.—*Calwer Verein.*

Zum Lesen :

1. Geschichte Deutschlands; oder der Vereinigten Staaten; von irgend einem anerkannten Verfasser.

§ 4. DRITTES JAHR

1. Die feurig Zunge.—*Arthur.*

¶ 627 COURSES OF STUDY—NORWEGIAN-DANISH

2. Wesleys Predigten. (II Teil, 35 Predigten.)
3. Christliche Vollkommenheit.—*Wesley*.
4. Glaubensartikel und Hauptlehren.—*Sulzberger*.

Zum Lesen :

1. Das Christliche Heilsleben.—*Paulus*.
2. Das Leben Jesu.—*Weitbrecht*.

§ 5. VIERTES JAHR

Wiederholung des vorhergehenden dreijährigen Kursus.

Zum Lesen :

1. Geschichte der Bischoefflichen Methodisten Kirche.
- 2 Bände.—*Stevens*.
2. Die Hauptlehren des Methodismus.—*Paulus*.
3. Biblische Altertümer.—*Kinzler*.

NORWEGIAN AND DANISH COURSES

FOR CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES

¶ 627. Studiekursus for Norsk-danske Methodist Praedikanter i Amerika

§ 1. OPTAGELSE PAA PRÖVE

1. Grammatik.—*Hofgaard*.
2. Stil.—*Tønnessen*, 2det Trin.
3. Retskrivningsregler.—*Eikeland og Rølvaag*.
4. Norges, Danmarks og Sveriges Historie.—*Petersen og Aubert*.
5. English Grammar.—*Buehler*.
6. American History.—*James and Sanford*.
7. Doctrine and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
8. Life of John Wesley.—*Winchester*.

§ 2. FÖRSTE AAR

1. New Testament History.—*Rall*.
2. Evangelism.—*Hannan*.
3. The Work of Preaching.—*Hoyt*.
4. The Art of Writing English.—*Brown and Barnes*.
5. Human Behavior.—*Colvin and Bagley*.
6. Geografi.—*Haffner*.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. The Art of Preaching.—*Brown*.
2. Selections from the Writings of the Rev. John Wesley, M.A.—*Welch*.

§ 3. ANDET AAR

1. Dictionary of the Bible (1 Vol. Edition).—*Hastings*.
2. History of the Christian Church.—*Walker*. (Omitting pages 1-41.)
3. (a) The Pupil and the Teacher.—*Weigle*.
(b) The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.—*Meyer*.
4. The Pastoral Office.—*Beebe*.
5. Verdenshistorie.—*Raeder*.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament.—*Eiselen*.
2. Compendium of American Methodism.—*Stevens*.

§ 4. TREDIE AAR

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy.—*Knudson*.
2. Foundations of Christian Belief.—*Strickland*.
3. The Religions of Mankind.—*Soper*.
4. The Methodists.—*Faulkner*.

¶ 628 COURSES OF STUDY—NORWEGIAN-DANISH

5. Litteraturhistorie.—*Broch og Seip*.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.

2. Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope.
—*Rall*.

§ 5. FJERDE AAR

1. Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.

2. System of Christian Doctrine.—*Sheldon*. (Omitting Part 1 and Appendix.)

3. Freedom and Christian Conduct.—*Haas*.

4. Logic.—*Jevons*.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. James W. Bashford.—*Grose*.

2. Outline of Christian Theology.—*Clarke*.

¶ 628. For Lokaldiakoners Ordination

1. Kristelig Erfaring.—*Merrill*.

2. Ledetraad i Kirkehistorien.—*Fr. Nielsen*.

3. Norges, Sveriges og Danmarks Historie.—*Petersen og Aubert*.

4. Grammatik.—*Hofgaard*.

5. Metodistkirkens Disciplin.

6. Lærebog i Bibelhistorien.—*Asperheim*.

7. Skreven Praediken over Daaben.

¶ 629. Lokalældstes Ordination

1. Presten Hjemme og i Kirken.—*Spurgeon*.

2. Verdenshistorie.—*Raeder*.

3. Litteraturhistorie.—*Broch og Seip*.

4. The Work of the Preacher.—*Hoyt*.

5. Skreven Praediken om Nadvaeren.

FOR THE NORWAY CONFERENCE

¶ 630. For Lokalældstes Ordination
Konference

§ 1. OPTAGELSE PAA PRÖVE

1. Grammatik.—*Hofgaard Alls.*
2. Geografi.—*Norris.* (For Amts og Folkeskoler.)
3. Norges Historie.—*Petersen.*
4. Nordens Historie.—*Eriksen.*
5. Methodismens Historie.—*Smith and Mahood.*
6. Sammendrag af Theologien.—*Binney.*

§ 2. I AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Wakefield.* (Side 1-146.)
2. Verdenshistorie.—*Rader.* (Oldtiden.)
3. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Nullematore Oldtiden).
4. Pastoraltheologi.—*Vinet.*
5. Bibelnöglen.—*Jensen-Fogh.*
6. Methodistkirkens Disciplin. (I-V Del.)
7. Kristelig Erfaring.—*Merrill.*

§ 3. II AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Wakefield.* (Side 147-404.)
2. Homiletik.—*Burt.*
3. Verdenshistorie.—*Rader.* (Middelalderen.)
4. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Middelalderen.)
5. Logik.—*Jevons.*
6. Ethik.—*Martensen.* (Den alm Del.)
7. Methodistkirkens Disciplin. (VI-VII Del.)
8. Skreven Prædiken om Retfærdiggjørelsen.

§ 4. III AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Wakefield.* (Side 405-645.)
2. Verdenshistorie.—*Rader.* (Den nyere Tid.)

¶ 631 COURSES OF STUDY—NORWEGIAN-DANISH

3. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Den nyere Tid.)
4. Literaturhistorie.—*Broch og Seip.*
5. Sjæle og Tænkelse.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Side 1-63.)
6. Ethik.—*Martensen.* (Den Specielle Del, I Bind.)
7. Pastoren Hjemme og i Kirken.—*Spurgeon.*
8. Skreven Prædiken om Helligjørelsen.

§ 5. IV AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Wakefield.* (Side 645-780.)
2. Lectures on Preaching.—*Simpson.*
3. Sjæle og Tænkelse.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Side 64-96.)
4. Ethik.—*Martensen.* (Den Specielle Del, II Bind.)
5. Modern Sunday School.—*Vincent.*
6. Evangeliets Seiersgang.—*Ussing.*
7. Skreven Afhandling om Inspirationen.

¶ 631. For Lokalprædikanter

For at blive bemyndiget som lokalprædikant kræves almindelig god folkeskolekundskal foruden eksamen "i lären og disciplinen."

§ 1. I AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Binney.* (Förste Halvdel.)
2. Methodistkirkens Disciplin. (I-III Del.)
3. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Oldtiden.)

§ 2. II AARSKLASSE

1. Theologi.—*Binney.* (Anden Halvdel.)
2. Methodistkirkens Disciplin. (IV-VI Del.)
3. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Middelalderen.)
4. Skreven Afhandling om Daaben.

§ 3. III AARSKLASSE

1. Bibelnöglén.—*Jensen-Fogh.* (Förste Halvdel.)
2. Methodistkirkens Disciplin. (VII-VIII Del.)
3. Kirkehistorie.—*Fr. Nielsen.* (Den nyere Tid.)

§ 4. IV AARSKLASSE

1. Bibelnøglen.—*Jenson-Fogh*. (Anden Halvdel.)
 2. Methodismens Historie.—*Smith and Mahood*.
 3. Kristelig Erfaring.—*Merrill*.
 4. Skreven Afhandling om Naadens orden.
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¶ 632. For Diakonordination

1. Første og andet Aars Studie.
 2. Disciplinens Haandbog.—*Merrill*.
 3. Sjæle og Tænkelære.—*Fr. Nielsen*. (Side 1-63.)
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¶ 633. For Aldsteordination

1. Tredie og fjerde Aars Studie.
 2. Helliggjörelsen.—*Fletcher*.
 3. Sjæle og Tænkelære.—*Fr. Nielsen*. (Side 64-96.)
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¶ 634. DANISH COURSES

Eksamensraadet vil, livor det ikke er gjort, anvise hvilke Böger, og hvor stort et Afsnit i de enkelte Böger, Kandidaterne skal lære.—Der gives et kort skriftligt Resumè of de til Læsning anviste Böger.

¶ 635. Reiseprædikanter

§ 1. OPTAGELSE PAA PRÖVE

1. Dansk Sproglære.
2. Geografi.
3. Samfundslære.
4. Verdenshistorie.
5. Kirkehistorie.
6. Metodismen.—*Gaarde en fl.*
7. Sammendrag af Teologien.—*Binney*.

8. Katekisme. (S. 1-146.)
9. Disciplin. (Nyeste Udgave.)
10. Skreven Selvbibliografi.

Læsning :

1. Jesu Liv.—*Farrar*.
2. Metodistkirken : Danmark.—*Gaarde*.

§ 2. I. AARSKLASSE

1. Teologi.—*Wakefield*. (S. 1-146.)
2. Bibelsk Arkæologi. (Bibelhaandbogen. *H. P. Hansen*.)
3. Kirkehistorie.—*Bergmann*. (I.)
4. Pastoralteologi.—*Vinet*.
5. Indledning til det gl. Test. (Bibelhaandbogen. *H. P. Hansen*.)
6. Skreven Prædiken, hvortil opgives Tekst of Eksamensraadet.

Læsning :

1. Wesley's Prædikener.
2. Helliggørelsen.—*Fletcher*.
3. Verdens Evangelisation.—*Mott*.
4. Forkyndelsen.—*J. J. Jansen*.

§ 3. II AARSKLASSE

1. Teologi.—*Wakefield*. (S. 147-404.)
2. Kirkehistorie.—*Bergmann*. (II.)
3. Indledning til det nye Test. (Bibelhaandbogen. *H. P. Hansen*.)
4. Sjæle og Tænkelse.—*Nielsen*.
5. Literaturhistorie.
6. Skreven Prædiken, hvortil Tekst opgives of Eksamensraadet.

Læsning :

1. Apostlen Paulus.—*Farrar*. (I.)
2. Hvad er Kristendom?—*L. C. Petersen*.
3. Sociale Spørgsmaal.—*Schach*.

§ 4. III AARSKLASSE

1. Teologi.—*Wakefield*. (S. 405-645.)
2. Etik.—*Martensen*. (S. 1-300.)
3. Logik.—*Jevons*.
4. Lectures on Preaching.—*Simpson*.
5. Eksegese efter Wesley's Notes on the New Testament. (Mundtlig.)
6. Skreven Prædiken, hvortil Tekst opgives of Eksamensraadet.

Læsning:

1. Apostlen Paulus.—*Farrar*. (II.)
2. Evangeliets Sejrsang.—*Ussing*.
3. Præsten hjemme og i Kirken.—*Spurgeon*.

§ 5. IV AARSKLASSE

1. Teologi.—*Wakefield*. (S. 646-780.)
2. Etik.—*Martensen*. (S. 301-590.)
3. History of American Methodism.—*Stevens*.
4. Eksegese efter Godet: Johannes Evangelium. (Mundtlig.)
5. Ekreven Prædiken. Emnet opgives of Eksamensraadet.

Læsning:

1. Den Sociale Udvikling.—*Kidd*.
2. Pastoral Evangelism.—*Goodell*.
3. Haanbog for Søndagskole-Arbeide.—*With*.

¶ 636. Lokalprædikanter

§ 1. LOKALPRÆDIKANTBEMYNDIGELSE

1. Katekisme.
2. Sammendrag af Teologien.—*Binney*.
3. Hvad er Kristendom?—*L. C. Petersen*.
4. Haandsrækning til en Lokalprædikant.
5. Metodismen.—*Gaarde en. fl.*
6. Disciplinen I-VI Del.—*Nyeste Udgave*.

Læsning :

1. Metodistkyrkans historia.—*Porter*.

§ 2. KURSUS FOR LOKAL-DIAKONERS OG LOKAL-ÖLDSTE

Lokalprædikanter der ønsker Ordination, vil faa anvist Studieplan samt Böger af Elksamensraadet.

SWEDISH COURSES

FOR CONFERENCES IN THE UNITED STATES

¶ 637. Resepredikanter

§ 1. ADMISSION ON TRIAL

1. Trosartiklarne.—*Sulzberger*.
2. Kyrkoordningen, 1924.
3. Svensk språklära.—*Sundin*.
4. English Grammar.—*Longman*.
5. General History.—*Myer*.
6. American History.—*James and Sanford*.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. The Meaning of Prayer.—*Fosdick*.
2. Kort Lärobok i Välläsning.—*Lindvoll*.

§ 2. FIRST YEAR

1. New Testament History.*—*Rall*.
2. Evangelism.*—*Hannan*.
3. Manual of Teacher Training.—*Barclay*.
4. Kyrkohistoria.—*Johansson*.
5. Avhandling: Kristendomen och den sociala fragan.

Collateral Reading and Study :

1. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley.—*Welch*.
2. Jerusalem.—*Selma Lagerlöf*.
3. Francis Asbury.—*Tipple*.

§ 3. SECOND YEAR

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament.—*Eiselen*.
2. Freedom and Christian Conduct.—*Haas*.
3. The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.*—*Meyer*.
4. The Work of Preaching.—*Hoyt*.
5. Avhandling: *Nattvarden*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. Metodiskyrkan: Danmark.—*Gaarde*.
2. How to Teach Religion.—*Betts*.
3. Pastoral and Personal Evangelism.—*Goodell*.

§ 4. THIRD YEAR

1. The Bible in the Making.*—*Smyth*.
2. The Pastoral Office.—*Beebe*.
3. Antropologi.—*Sjöberg och Klingberg*.
4. Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.
5. Beacon Lights of Prophecy.—*Knudson*.
6. Avhandling: *Försoningen*.
7. The Art of Preaching.—*Brown*.

Collateral Reading and Study:

1. Vittra skrifter.—*Vikner*.
2. Life of Phillips Brooks.—*Allen*.

§ 5. FOURTH YEAR

1. Studies in Christianity.*—*Bowne*.
2. The Religions of Mankind.*—*Soper*.
3. Outline of Christian Theology.—*Clarke*.
4. Den Allmänneliga Kristna Tron.—*Aulén*.
5. Avhandling: Svenska Metodismen i Amerika.

Collateral Reading:

1. The Church and Industrial Reconstruction.
2. Good Ministers of Jesus Christ.—*McDowell*.
3. James W. Bashford.—*Grose*.

In connection with books marked with a star (*), the student must prepare and hand in to the examiner "The required written work" called for by the "Directions and Helps," which go with the volume in question.

Students not graduates from the Seminary must take the complete course as given in the *Discipline*. Graduates from the Seminary are exempt from examination only in subjects for which they bring certificates from the Seminary Registrar. (See *Discipline*, ¶ 618, §§ 1, 2.)

¶ 638. Lokalpredikanter

För erhållande och förnyande af fullmakt skall lokalpredikanten, årligen examineras, till dess han efter fyra års förlopp stått godkänd examen uti följande ämnen:

1. M. E. Kyrkans katekes.
2. Kyrkoordningen. (Delad på 4 år.)
3. Biblisk historia.
4. Lärbok i bibelkunskap.—*Keiser*.
5. Kyrkohistoria.—*Lögren*. (å Delad på 3 år.)

¶ 639. För ordinerings till diakon

1. Katekes.—*Nast*.
2. Anvisning till Bibelkännedom.—*Welandcr*.
3. Svensk språklära i sammandrag.—*Sundén*.
4. Avhandling: Försoningen.

¶ 640. För ordinerings till Aldste

1. M. E. Kyrkans trosbekännelse.—*Sulzberger*.
2. Öfversikt af de bibliska böckerna.—*Brodén*.
3. Kristlig fullkomlighet.—*Fletcher*.
4. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.—*Merrill*.
5. Avhandling: Bibelns inspiration.

FOR THE SWEDEN CONFERENCE

¶ 641. Resepredikanter

§ 1. FÖR INTRÄDE PÅ PROV

1. Metodistkyrkans katekes och Metodiskyrkans trosbekännelse med förklaringar.—*A. Sulzberger.*
2. Kyrkoordningen.
3. Bibelkännedom.—*P. Welander och C. E. Benander.*
4. Bilder ur kyrkans historia.—*C. Fr. Lundin.*
5. Metodistkyrkans historia.—*J. Porter.*
6. Lärobok i fäderneslandets historia i sammandrag.—*Grimberg.*
7. Allmän historia.—*Pallin.*
8. Svensk språklära i sammandrag.—*D. A. Sundén.*
9. Räknebok.—*Larsson, Möller, Lundell.*
10. Naturkunnighet.—*Berg och Lindén.*
11. Skolgeografi, 1 kurs.—*Carlsson.*
12. Muntlig översättning av lättare engelsk täxt.
13. En skriftligen avfattad teckning av den inträdes-sökandes eget liv.

Att läsa: Wesleys 53 predikningar.

§ 2. FÖRSTA ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Den kristna trosläran: Inledning.—*A. Sulzberger.*
 2. A Popular History of Methodism.—*J. Telford.*
 3. The Christian Pastorate.—*J. Kidder.*
 4. Recruiting and Organizing the Sunday School.—*Hurlbut.*
 5. Det avgörande ögonblicket i den kristna missionens historia.—*Mott.*
 6. Novum Testamentum: Lukas Evang.
 7. Avhandling om dopet.
- Att läsa: Kristlig fullkomlighet.—*J. Fletcher.*
 A Plain Account of Christian Perfection.—*J. Wesley.*

§ 3. ANDRA ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Den kristna trosläran.—*A. Sulzberger.* (Del. 1.)
2. Sjäslära.—*William James.*
3. The Preacher and his Sermon.—*Etter.* (Del. 1.)
4. Biblisk fornkunskap.—*Skarstedt.*
5. Lärobok i Pedagogik.—*Sv. Lundqvist.*
6. Novum Testamentum: Apostlag.
7. Avhandling om nattvarden.

Att läsa: A New History of Methodism.—*W. J. Townsend, H. B. Workman, G. Eayrs.* (Del. 1.)

§ 4. TREDJE ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Den kristna trosläran.—*A. Sulzberger.* (Del. 2.)
2. Litteraturhistoria.—*Warburg.*
3. The Preacher and his Sermon.—*Etter.* (Del. 2.)
4. Inledning till religionsvetenskapen.—*C. P. Tiele.* (Del. 1.)
5. Bibelstudiekurs.—*J. Rinman.* (Serie 1-4.)
6. Novum Testamentum: Matt. Evang.
7. Avhandling om försoningen.

Att läsa: A New History of Methodism.—*W. J. Townsend, H. B. Workman, G. Eayrs.* (Del. 2.)

Pastoral and Personal Evangelism.—*Goodell.*

§ 5. FJÄRDE ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Den kristna trosläran.—*A. Sulzberger.* (Del. 3.)
2. Hermeneutik.—*Edgren.*
3. The Preacher and his Sermon.—*Etter.* (Del. 3.)
4. Inledning till religionsvetenskapen.—*C. P. Tiele.* (Del. 2.)
5. Novum Testamentum: Galaterbret.
6. Avhandling om helgelsen.

Att läsa: The Church and the Social Crisis.—*Rauschenbusch.*

Filosofiens historia.—*S. G. Youngert.*

¶ 642. Lokalpredikanter

§ 1. FÖRSTA ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Metodistkyrkans katekes.
2. Palestina, det heliga landet.
3. Kyrkoordningen. (Del. 1-2.)

Läsning:

Wesley och hans samtida.

Wesleys predikningar. (1-sta Bandet.)

Biblisk historia.

Metodistkyrkans historia: Verksamheten i England.—

J. Porter.

§ 2. ANDRA ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Metodistkyrkans trosbekännelse.—*A. Sulzberger.*
2. Seder och bruk de i Bibeln omtalade folken.
3. Kyrkoordningen. (Del. 3-4.)

Läsning:

Wesleys predikningar. (2-dra Bandet.)

Metodistkyrkans historia: Verksamheten i Amerika.—

J. Porter.

§ 3. TREDJE ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Läran om frälsning från metodistik ståndpunkt.—
C. A. Stenholm.
2. Anvisning till Bibelns kännedom.—*P. Welander.*
3. Kyrkoordningen. (Del. 7-9.)

Läsning:

Kyrkohistoria: Till reformationen.—*N. Lovgren.*

Kristendomens salighetssanningar.—*Luthardt.*

§ 4. FJÄRDE ÅRETS STUDIEKLASS

1. Studium av Pauli brev till Romarne.—*A. Clarke.*
2. Repetition av kyrkoordningen.

Läsning:

Kyrkohistoria: Nyare tiden.—*N. Lovgren.*

Lärobok i världshistorien.—*C. A. Zachrisson.*

¶ 643. For Lokaldiakon-examen

1. Metodistkyrkans katekes.
 2. Anvisning till Bibelnkännedom.—*P. Welanders*.
 3. Svensk språklära i sammandrag.—*Sundrén*.
 4. Avhandling om försoningen.
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¶ 644. For Lokalældste-examen

1. Kyrkoordningen.
 2. Metodistkyrkans trosbekännelse.—*A. Sulzberger*.
 3. Biblisk fornkunskap.—*Skarstedt*.
 4. Kristlig fullkomlighet.—*J. Fletcher*.
 5. Avhandling om helgelsen.
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FINNISH COURSES

¶ 645. Traveling Preachers

Swedish-speaking preachers are permitted to choose corresponding books in Swedish, according to the direction of the Board of Examination.

§ 1. ADMISSION ON TRIAL

NOTE.—Those who have graduated from one of our seminaries need only to pass an examination in the Discipline and Doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church

1. The Doctrines of Methodist Church.
2. Introduction to the Bible.—*Welanders or Waaranen*.
3. Discipline of Methodist Episcopal Church.
4. John Wesley.—*McDonald*.
5. History of Finland.—*Schyberkson or Forström*.
6. Stylistic.—*Sjöberg and Klingberg or Rapola*.
7. Elementary English.—*Afzelius or Brække*.
8. Written Sermon on Call to Preach.

§ 2. FIRST YEAR

1. Dogmatics. (Introduction and Part I.)—*Sulzberger*.
2. Introduction to the Holy Scriptures.—*Schlatter*. (Old Testament.)
3. Pastoral Theology.—*Kidder*.
4. Church History. (The Early Church.)—*Lundén* or *Gummerus*.
5. General History. (Ancient Times.)—*Estlander*.
6. The Dissenter Law and Related Statutes.
7. Etymology of the Mother Tongue.—*Sundén* or *Jännes*.
8. Etymology of the English Language.—*Afzelius* or *Braekke*.
9. Written Sermon on Conversion.

To be Read:

1. Wesley's Sermons. (1.)
2. Bible Studies. (Ancient Times.)—*Godet*.
3. Church History. (The Early Church.)—*Fabricsius* or *Nissen-Gummerus*.
4. The Pastor at Home and in Church.—*Spurgeon*.

§ 3. SECOND YEAR

1. Dogmatics. (Part II.)—*Sulzberger*.
2. Introduction to the Holy Scriptures (New Test.)—*Schlatter*.
3. Primer in Homiletics.—*Edwards*.
4. General History. (Mediæval Times.)—*Estlander*.
5. Church History. (Mediæval Times.)—*Lundén* or *Gummerus*.
6. History of Methodism. (a) Methodism in England. (b) Written Essay on John Wesley.—*Hurst*.
7. English. Translations from the Mother Tongue.—*Afzelius* or *Braekke*.
8. The Syntax of the Mother Tongue.—*Sundén* or *Setälä*.
9. Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

To be Read:

1. Wesley's Sermons, II.
2. Bible Studies. (New Test.)—*Godet*.
3. Church History. (Mediæval Times.)—*Fabricius or Nissen-Gummerus*.
4. A New Life of Christ. (Part I.)—*F. W. Farrar*,
or Christian Evidences.—*Luthardt*.

§ 4. THIRD YEAR

1. Dogmatics. (Part III.)—*Sulzberger*.
2. Exegetical Studies in the Synoptical Gospels.—*Godet*.
3. General History. (Modern Times to the French Revolution.)—*Estlander*.
4. Church History. (Modern Church.)—*Lundén or Gummerus*.
5. History of Methodism. (a) Methodism in America.
(b) Written Essay on Bishop Asbury.—*Hurst*.
6. Psychological Principles of Education.—*Boæström*,
or some other corresponding book in Swedish.
7. Ethics.—*W. Herrmans*.
8. Philosophy.—*Knut Barr*.
9. Written Sermon on Christian Perfection.

To be Read:

1. Church History. (Modern Church.)—*Fabricius or Nissen-Gummerus*.
2. Pedagogy.—*E. Martig or Soinen*.
3. The Ethics of Jesus.—*E. Grim*.
4. Christian Perfection.—*Fletcher*.

§ 5. FOURTH YEAR

1. Exegetical Studies in the Epistles of Saint Paul.—*Godet*.
2. Biblical Archæology.—*Skarstedt*.
3. General History. (Modern Times from the French Revolution.)—*Estlander*.
4. History of Methodism. (a) Methodist Missions;

(b) Written Essay on the Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—*Hurst*.

5. History of Modern Missions.—*Henry Ussing*.

6. History of Philosophy.—*Wagner or W. Jerusalem*.

7. Introduction to Science of Religion.—*O. P. Tiele*.

8. History of Literature of the Mother Tongue.—*R. Steffen or Godenhjelm*.

9. Written Sermon on any Subject.

To be Read:

1. The Gospel of Saint John.—*Godet*.

2. General History of Literature.

¶ 646. Local Preachers

§ 1. FIRST YEAR

1. Biblical History.—*Sundvall*.

2. Standard Catechism.

3. History of Methodism. (The Work in England.)—*Porter*.

4. *Discipline*. (Parts I-III.)

§ 2. SECOND YEAR

1. Bible Introduction.—*Velander or Vaaranen*.

2. History of Methodism. (The Work in America.)—*Porter*.

3. A Short Grammar.—*Lagerblad or Setälä*.

4. *Discipline*. (Parts IV-VI.)

§ 3. THIRD YEAR

1. Theological Compend.—*Binney*.

2. Wesley's Sermons. (Vol. I.)

3. Pastoral Theology.—*Spurgeon*. (Vol. I, or some other.)

4. *Discipline*. (Parts VII-IX.)

5. Church History. (Early Church.)—*Vaaranen or Lundén*.

§ 4. FOURTH YEAR

1. Wesley's Sermons. (Vol. II.)
 2. Pastoral Theology.—*Spurgeon*. (Vol. II, or some other.)
 3. Church History. (Mediæval Church.)—*Vaaranen or Lundén*.
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¶ 647. Local Deacons

The entire Course for Local Preachers.

¶ 648. Local Elders

1. Church History. (Modern Church.)—*Vaaranen or Lundén*.
2. History of Finland.—*Forström*.
3. General History.—*Palin*.
4. Life of Christ.—*Stalker*.
5. Life of Paul.—*Stalker*.

NOTE.—This course is to be read in four years.

RUSSIAN COURSES

¶ 649. Traveling Preachers

§1. ADMISSION ON TRIAL

1. Russian Grammar.—*Bogdanoff*.
2. History of Russian.—*Platonoff*.
3. Geography.—*Kruber-Grigorieff*.
4. *Discipline*. (Parts I-IV.)
5. Standard Catechism.
6. Life of Wesley.—*Telford*.
7. Written Sermon on the Call to Preach.

To be Read:

1. Sermons. (Vol. I.)—*Wesley*.
2. Life of Christ.—*Farrar*.
3. Handbook for Probationers.—*Burt*.

§ 2. FIRST YEAR

1. System of Christian Doctrine. (Parts I and II.)—*Schneider*.
2. History of World. (Ancient.)—*Karjaeff*.
3. Bible History. (Part I.)—*Kurtz*.
4. Russian Rhetoric.—*Abramoff*.
5. Homiletics.—*Burt*.
6. *Discipline*. (Parts V-IX.)
7. Written Sermon on the Atonement.

To be Read:

1. Sermons. (Vol. II.)—*Wesley*.
2. How to Speak in Public.—*Spurgeon*.
3. Science and the Bible.—*Better*.

§ 3. SECOND YEAR

1. System of Christian Doctrine. (Parts III and IV.)—*Schneider*.
2. History of World. (Mediæval.)—*Karjaeff*.
3. Bible History. (Part II.)—*Kurtz*.
4. History of Church.—*Kurtz*.
5. History of Russian Literature. (Part I.)—*Nezelenoff*.
6. Logic.—*Chelpanoff*.
7. Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

To be Read:

1. Wesley's Journal.
2. The Tongue of Fire.—*Arthur*.
3. Decisive Hour of Christian Missions.—*Mott*.

§ 4. THIRD YEAR

1. System of Christian Doctrine. (Part V.)—*Schneider*.
2. History of World. (Modern.)—*Karjaeff*.
3. History of Russian Literature. (Part II.)—*Nezelenoff*.
4. Psychology.—*Nechajeff*.
5. History of Methodism. (Part I.)—*Bulgakoff*.
6. Ethics.—*Paulus*.
7. English or German Grammar.—*Gaspey-Sauer*.
8. Written Sermon on Regeneration or Sanctification.

To be Read:

1. Life of Francis Asbury.—*Mains*.
2. One Thousand Questions on Methodism.—*Wheeler*.
3. Pilgrim's Progress.—*Bunyan*.

§ 5. FOURTH YEAR

1. System of Christian Doctrine. (Part VI.)—*Schneider*.
2. History of Methodism. (Part II.)—*Bulgakoff*.
3. History of Russian Orthodox Church.—*Smirnoff*.
4. History of Philosophy.—*Paulsen*.
5. Political Economy.—*Eschupoff*.
6. Sociology.—*Kovalevsky*.
7. Grammar of Native Tongue. (If candidate is other than Russian.)
8. Written Sermon on the Sacraments.

To be Read:

1. Apologetics.—*Luthardt*.
2. The Russian Sects.—*Margaritoff*.
3. Europe and Methodism.—*Burt*.

¶ 650. Local Preachers

§ 1. FIRST YEAR

1. Bible History. (Part I.)—*Kurtz*.

2. Standard Catechism.
3. History of Methodism. (Part I.)—*Bulgakoff*.
4. *Discipline*. (Parts I-IV.)

§ 2. SECOND YEAR

1. Bible History. (Part II.)—*Kurtz*.
2. Russian Grammar.—*Bogdanoff*.
3. History of Methodism. (Part II.)—*Bulgakoff*.
4. *Discipline*. (Parts V-IX.)

§ 3. THIRD YEAR

1. Theological Compend.—*Binney*.
2. Sermons. (Vol. I.)—*Wesley*.
3. Homiletics.—*Burt*.
4. Life of Wesley.—*Telford*.

§ 4. FOURTH YEAR

1. Church History.—*Kurtz*.
2. History of World. (Abridged.)—*Karjaeff*.
3. Grammar of Native Tongue. (If candidate is other than Russian.)
4. Sermons. (Vol. II.)—*Wesley*.

ITALIAN COURSES

¶ 651. Predicatori Itineranti in Italia

N. B.—1. La cultura generale che si richiede usualmente ai candidati corrisponde a quella necessaria per ottenere la patente di Maestro Elementare Superiore o l'ammissione all' Università.

2. Per l'intero corso lo studente dovrà presentare delle dichiarazioni scritte che affermino se egli abbia letto o no attentamente tutti i libri assegnati per lettura, e presenterà un riassunto di qualche capitolo o di qualch' una delle questioni contenute in ciascun libro che antecedentemente gli esaminatori sceglieranno ed annunzieranno a mezzo dei verbali della Conferenza od altrimenti.

§ 1. AMMISSIONE SOTTO PROVA

1. Compendio di Storia Ecclesiastica.—*Hurst*. (Traduz. *Burt*.)
2. Teologia Dogmatica.—*Bovon*.

3. *Discipline della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.*
4. *Vita di Giovanni Wesley (Lelièvre) e Storia del Metodismo.—Piggott.*
5. *Il contenuto della Bibbia. (Studio diretto.)*
6. *Catechismo della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.*
7. *Omiletica.—Burt.*
8. *Relazione scritta della propria conversione e chiamata al Ministero.*

§ 2. ANNO PRIMO

1. *Introduzione all'Antico Testamento. (Libro 1º, Parte 1ª.)—Gauthier.*
2. *Storia Ecclesiastica. (1º Periodo: dal 1º al 4º secolo.) Testo: Historie du Christianism, par Jules Guidraux. (Genève-Jeheber, Ed.)*
3. *Storia civile.—Rinaudo. (Impero Romano fino a Costantino.)*
4. *La Palestina ai tempi di Cristo.—Hapfer.*
5. *Omiletica.—Vinet.*
6. *Storia dell Religioni. (Chautepic de la Saussaye.)*
7. *Sermone scritto.*

§ 3. ANNO SECONDO

1. *Introduzione all'Antico Testamento. (Libro 1º, Parte 2ª.)—Gauthier.*
2. *Storia Ecclesiastica. 2º Periodo: dal Sec. IV all' VIII.)—Guidraux.*
3. *Storia civile.—Rinaudo. (Medio Evo. Vol. III.)*
4. *Teologia Pastorale.—Vinet.*
5. *Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento.—Godet. (Vol. II, Evangeli Sinottici.)*
6. *Sermone scritto.*

Da leggere :

Esquisse d' une philosophie de la Religion.—Sabatier.

§ 4. ANNO TERZO

1. *Introduzione all'Antico Testamento. (Libro 2º, Parte 1ª.)—Gauthier.*

2. Storia Ecclesiastica. (3^o Periodo: dal Sec. VIII al XVI.)—*Guidraux*.

3. Storia civile.—*Rinaudo*. (Medio Evo, Vol. IV.)

4. Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento. (Dal IV Evangelo all'Apocalisse, escluse le Epistole Paoline.)—*Godet*. (2^o Vol. Studi Biblici.)

5. Sermone scritto.

§ 5. ANNO QUARTO

1. Introduzione all'Antico Testamento. (Libro 2^o, Parte 2a.)—*Gauthier*.

2. Storia Ecclesiastica. (4^o Periodo: dal Sec. XVI al XX.)—*Guidraux*.

3. Storia civile.—*Rinaudo*. (Tempi moderni, Vol. V.)

4. Introduzione al Nuovo Testamento. (Epistole Paoline e Vita di Paolo.)—*Godet*.

5. Storia dei Dommi.—*Harnack*. (Précis d'Histoire des Dogmes.—*Fischbacher*.)

6. Sermone scritto.

Da leggere:

Epitome di filosofia italiana.—*Caporali*.

¶ 652. Studii Preliminari per i Ministri Italiani in America

N. B.—Per studii preliminari richieste, vedi DISCIPLINA, ultima edizione il *Nota Bene*, articolo 598.

Si insisterà in modo speciale sulle seguenti materie: Elementi di Grammatica Italiana, di Rettorica, di Letteratura, di Filosofia, di Scienze Fisiche e Naturali, di Storia Americana, ed una conoscenza pratica della lingua Inglese.

§ 1. CORSO PRELIMINARE

1. Grammatica Italiana.—*Fornaciari*.

2. Rettorica (elementi).—*Fornaciari*.

3. Letteratura (elementi).—*Adolfo Bartoli*.

4. Filosofia (elementi).—*Augusto Conti e Vincenzo Sartini*.

5. Scienze Fisiche e Naturali.—a. *A. Gavanna.* b. *Poli e Tanfani.* c. *Geikie* (traduz. Stoppani).
6. Storia Orientale Greca.—*C. Rinaudo.*
7. Diritti e Doveri dell'uomo.—*G. Mazzini.*
8. I Promessi Sposi.—*A. Manzoni.*
9. Componimento Italiano.—(candidato.)
10. Saggio Italiano-Inglese e Inglese-Italiano (candidato).
11. American History.—*Montgomery.*
12. Speech on Conciliation.—*Burke.*

Libri da leggere :

1. Le mie prigioni.—*Pellico.*
2. Vita moderna degl' Italiani.—*Mosso.*
3. La Riforma dell'Educazione.—*A. Mosso.*
4. Roma Papale.—*De Sanctis.*
5. Sermoni di Wesley, Traduz. Italiana.

¶ 653. Predicatori Itinerante in America

§ 1. AMMISSIONE

1. Compendio di Teologia.—*Binney-Steele.* (Trad. Ital.)
2. Disciplina M. E.—(ultima Edizione).
3. Vita di G. Wesley.—*Lelièvre.* (Trad. Sciarelli.)
4. Dottrine della Chiesa M. E.—*Sulzberger.* (Trad. Polsinelli.)
5. Il Compagno d. Bibbia.—*S. Beruatto.*
6. Perfezione Cristiana.—*Wesley.* (Trad. Italiana.)
7. Omiletica.—*William Burt.*
8. Relazione scritta della propria a Conversione e Chiamata al Ministero.

Da leggere :

1. Vita di Savonarola, 2 Vol.—*P. Villari.*
2. La lingua di Fuoco.—*Arthur.*
3. Il Dovere.—*Smiles.*

4. L'Idioma gentile.—*E. De Amicis*.

5. Rinascita.—*S. McGerald*.

§ 2. PRIMO ANNO

Introduzione A. T.—*Revel*. (In Italiano.)

Storia Ecclesiastica.—*Hurst*. (Trad. Burt.)

Storia Civile.—*Rinaudo*. Vol. II.

Omiletica.—*Vinet*. (Trad. Inglese.)

Geografia Biblica.—*Pons*. (In Italiano.)

Il Cristianesimo e le Chiese Cristiane.—*Professor G. Bartoli*.

La prima Pagina della Bibbia.—*Fr. Bettex*. (Traduz. di P. P.)

Sermone scritto. (Da portarsi alla Conf.)

Da leggere :

1. Sermoni ed Allocuzioni.—*William Burt*.

2. Mens sana in corpore sano.—*A. Mosso*.

3. Il Risparmio.—*Smiles*.

4. Christianity and the Social Crisis.—*Rauschenbusch*.

5. System of Christian Doctrine.—*Sheldon*.

6. Digest of Methodist Law.—*Merrill-Downey*.

§ 3. SECONDO ANNO

1. Evidenze del Cristianesimo.—*McIlvaine*. (In Italiano.)

2. Storia Ecclesiastica.—*Fisher*.

3. Storia Civile.—*Rinaudo*. (Medio Evo.)

4. Teologia Pastorale.—*Vinet*. (In Inglese.) The Pastor-Preacher.—*Quayle*.

5. Discorsi Sinottici del Nuovo Testamento.—*Fraser*. (Trad. Sciarelli.)

6. Sermone scritto. (Da portarsi alla Conf.)

Da leggere :

1. Gli Eroi.—*Carlyle*.

2. Sul Limitare.—*G. Pascoli*.

3. Vita e lavoro.—*Smiles*.

4. Scuola e carattere.—*Fr. W. Forster.* (Trad. Italiana.)

5. Jesus Christ and the Social Question.—*Peabody.*

§ 4. TERZO ANNO

1. Introduz. A. T. Divine Library of the O. T.—*Fitzpatrick.*

2. Testimonii di Cristo.—*Backhouse-Taylor.*

3. Storia Civile.—*Rinaudo.* Vol. IV.

4. Introduz. N. T.—*Godet.* (Trad. Inglese.)

5. Fatti Apostolici.—*G. Luzzi.*

6. Epist. S. Paolo ai Romani.—*Whedon.*

7. I Miracoli di G. C.—*Trench.* (Trad. Meille.)

8. One Thousand Questions on Methodism.—*Wheeler.*

9. Sermone scritto. (Da portarsi all Conf.)

Da leggere :

1. Il Carattere.—*Smiles.*

2. I Martiri del Libero Pensiero.

3. Pastoral and Personal Evangelism.—*Goodell.*

4. The American Commonwealth.—*Bryce.*

§ 5. QUARTO ANNO

1. Storia Primitiva.—*Backhouse-Taylor.*

2. Storia Letteraria A. T.—*Revel.*

3. Il Papa.—*Labanca.*

4. Storia Civile.—*Rinaudo.* (Tempi Moderni.)

5. Introduz. N. T.—*Campbell Morgan.*

6. Saint Paul the Traveler, Roman Citizen.—*Ramsay.*

7. Hermeneutics.—*Terry.*

8. Storia d. Riforma in Italia.—*Comba.*

9. Filosofia d. Salvazione.—*Walker.*

10. Sermone scritto. (Da portarsi alla Conf.)

Da leggere :

1. Il bel Paese.—*Stoppani.*

2. Cristianesimo e lotta di Classe.—*Fr. W. Forster.*
(Trad. Italiana.)

3. I Nostri Protestanti.—*Comba*.
4. Lectures on Preaching.—*Brooks*.

¶ 654. Predicatori Locali

§ 1. ANNO PRIMO

1. Nuovo Testamento: nozioni dirette e generali.
2. Storia del Metodismo.—*Piggott*.
3. Catechismo della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.
4. Compendio di Teologia.—*Binney e Steele*.
5. Lingua di Fuoco.—*Arthur*.
6. Relazione della propria conversione.

§ 2. ANNO SECONDO

1. Disciplina della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.
(Dalla I^a alla VI^a Parte.)
2. Storia Moderna.—*Bragagnolo*.
3. Vita di Giovanni Wesley.—*Lelièvre*.
4. Storia Ecclesiastica.—*Hurst*. (Traduz. *Burt*.)
5. Chiesa Primitiva.—*Backhouse e Taylor*.
6. Antico Testamento. (Nozioni dirette e generali.)
7. Sermone scritto.

§ 3. ANNO TERZO

1. Articoli di fede a Dottrine della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.—*Polsinelli*.
2. Disciplina della Chiesa Metodista Episcopale.
(Dalla VI Parte alla fine.)
3. Storia della Riforma in Italia.—*Comba*.
4. I testimoni di Cristo.—*Backhouse e Taylor*.
5. I sermoni di Giovanni Wesley.
6. Sermone scritto.

§ 4. ANNO QUARTO

1. Le verità fondamentali del Cristianesimo.—*Luthardt*.
2. Il Piccolo compagno della Bibbia.—*Jahier*.
3. Omiletica.—*Burt*.

4. Del Metodismo Episcopale.—*Ferreri.*

5. Sermone scritto.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING PREACHERS

(Adopted by the Central Conference of Latin America
for the Quadrennium 1924-1928.)

¶ 655. Curso de Estudios para Predicadores del habla española

§ 1. PARA ADMISIÓN A PRUEBA

Para examen :

1. Educación Primaria—Gramática, geografía, aritmética, historia patria, e historia de las Américas.—*Estévez.*

2. Disciplina de la Iglesia. (Constitución y Parte I.)

3. Relación escrita de la conversión del candidato y de su vocación al ministerio.

4. Sermón escrito o predicado.

5. El candidato tendrá que estar preparado para escribir un artículo sobre uno de los temas siguientes ; de no menos que 1,000 palabras. El tema será escogido por el examinador el día de examen. La Vida de Moisés La Vida de Jesús, según San Marcos La Vida de Pablo, según Los Hechos.

Para leer :

1. El Evangelio del Espíritu Santo, par *A. F. Wesley*,
o La Vida de Plenitud, por Moisés Torregrosa.

2. La Suprema Vocación, por *Jorge A. Miller*.

N. B. En todos los años el estudio de la Biblia será guiado por el libro titulado "El Cristiano y su Biblia," según la porción asignada, pero el examen será en la materia bíblica más bien que en dicho libro.

N. B. El librito titulado "Direcciones y Auxilios" se exigirá en todos los años como guía el estudio del curso.

N. B. El estudiante tendrá que leer La Revista Evangélica todos los años y cumplir lo requerido en cuanto al informe sobre dicha lectura.

§ 2. PRIMER AÑO

Para examen :

1. Biblia.—(Genesis a Ester.)
2. Historia de la Iglesia.—*Hurst*. (Partes I y II.)
3. Disciplina de la Iglesia. (Partes II-IX.)
4. Pedagogía Psicológica.—*A. Osuna*.
5. El Ministerio Ideal.—*Johnson*. (Primera mitad.)

Para leer :

1. Juan Wesley, su Vida y su Obra.—*Lelievre*.
2. La Salvación Personal.—*Tillet*.
3. La Magia Blanca.—*A. F. Wesley*.
4. Trabajo Personal con los Individuos.—*Trumbull*.

§ 3. SEGUNDO AÑO

Para examen :

1. Biblia. (Job a Malaquías.)
2. Historia de la Iglesia.—*Hurst*. (Partes III y IV.)
3. Los Principios Sociales de Cristo y su Aplicación.—*Edwards*.
4. El Ministerio Ideal.—*Johnson*. (Segunda mitad.)
5. La Fe Práctica del Cristiano.—*Lynn H. Hough*.
6. Sermón escrito.

Para leer :

1. La Fascinación del Libro.—*E. W. Work*.
2. El Ministro como Pastor.—*C. E. Jefferson*.
3. La Vida de Cristo.—*Stalker*.
4. Los Metodistas.—*Faulkner*.

§ 4. TERCER AÑO

Para examen :

1. Biblia. (Mateo a Romanos.)
2. La Hermenéutica Sagrada.—*Terry*.
3. Hombres sin Temor.—*R. H. Walker*.
4. Elementos de Etica.—*Muirhood*.
5. Sermón escrito.

Para leer:

1. La Personalidad del Divino Maestro.—*H. E. Fosdick.*
2. Vida de Pablo.—*Stalker.*
3. Análisis del Romanismo.—*Phillips.*
4. Las Enseñanzas de Jesús.—*H. F. Rall.*

§ 5. CUARTO AÑO

Para examen:

1. Biblia. (I. Corintios a Apocalipsis.)
2. Las Creencias de la Humanidad.—*E. D. Soper.*
3. La Vida en su Proceso de Formación. (Varios autores.)
4. Bosquejo de la Doctrina Cristiana.—*W. N. Clarke.*
5. Sermón escrito.

Para leer:

1. La Ciencia al Día.
2. El Hombre de Galilea.—*Haygood.*
3. Jesucristo, su Realidad y su Significado.—*P. Carnegie Simpson.*
4. Job, Drama de la Vida Interior.—*R. G. Moulton.*

¶ 656. Curso de Estudios para los Perdicadores Locales

§ 1. CANDIDATOS

1. La Biblia y sus Doctrinas—Conocimientos Generales.
2. El Catecismo Primero de la Iglesia Metodista.
3. La Disciplina. (Constitución y Parte I.)

§ 2. PRIMER AÑO

Para examen:

1. Biblia. (Genesis a Ester.) Condirecciones del libro: "El Cristiano y su Biblia," durante todo el curso.
2. Vida de Cristo.—*Stalker.*

3. El Predicador.—*Braden*.

4. La Disciplina. (Partes II, III y IV.)

Para leer :

1. La vida de Plenitud.—*M. Torregrosa*.

2. Juan Wesley, su Vida su Obra.—*Lelievre*.

§ 3. SEGUNDO AÑO

Para examen :

1. Biblia. (Job a Malaquías.)

2. La Fe Práctica del Cristiano.—*Hough*.

3. Los Metodistas.—*Faulkner*.

4. Sermón escrito.

Para leer :

1. La Disciplina. (Partes V-IX.)

2. Trabajo Person con los Individuos.—*Trumbull*.

§ 4. TERCER AÑO

Para examen :

1. Biblia. (Mateo a Romanos.)

2. Vida de Pablo.—*Stalker*.

3. La Extensión del Cristianismo.—*Pablo Hutchinson*.

Para leer :

1. El Hombre de Galilea.—*Haygood*.

2. La Magia Blanca.—*A. F. Wesley*.

3. La Personalidad del Divino Maestro.—*Fosdick*.

§ 5. CUARTO AÑO

Para examen :

1. Manual de la Doctrina Cristiana.—*Banks*.

2. La Hermenéutica Sagrada.—*Terry*.

3. Sermón escrito.

Para leer :

1. La Fascinación del Libro.—*Work*.

2. Análisis del Romanismo.—*Phillips*.

¶ 657. Curso de Estudios para las Diaconisas

§ 1. ADMISIÓN A PRUEBA

Para examen :

1. Educación primaria—Gramática, aritmética,, geografía, historia patria e historia de las Américas.
2. Catecismo Primero de la Iglesia Metodista.
3. La postulante tendrá que estar preparada para escribir un artículo de 1,000 palabras sobre uno de los temas siguientes, empleando solamente la materia encontrada en la Biblia : La Vida de Moisés La Vida de Jesús La Vida de Pablo.

Para leer :

1. La Vida de Plenitud, Torregrosa, o El Evangelio del Espíritu Santo.—*Wesley*.

§ 2. PRIMER AÑO

Para examen :

1. El Cristiano y su Biblia. (Sobre el Antiguo Testamento.)
2. La Vida de Cristo.—*Stalker*.
3. La Fe Práctica del Cristiano.—*Hough*.

Para leer :

1. La Extensión del Cristianismo.—*Pablo Hutchinson*.
2. La Fascinación del Libro.—*Work*.
3. Trabajo Personal con los Individuos.—*Trumbull*.
4. El Hogar Social.—*Miller*.

/ § 3. SEGUNDO AÑO

Para examen :

1. El Cristiano y su Biblia. (Sobre el Nuevo Testamento.)
2. Vida de Pablo.—*Stalker*.
3. La Hermenéutica Sagrada.—*Terry*.

Para leer :

1. La Personalidad del Divino Maestro.—*Fosdick*.
2. La Magia Blanca.—*Wesley*.
3. Los Metodistas.—*Faulkner*.
4. El Hogar Higiénico.—*Miller*.

N. B. Todo este estudio está basado en las Direcciones y Auxilios para este curso.

PORTUGUESE COURSE

¶ 658. Curso de Estudo Para os Pregadores Portuguese

§ 1. PARA ADMISSÃO OM EXPERIENCIA

1. Educação elemental—Portuguez, Arithmetica, Geographia.
2. Disciplina, Capítulos I e II.
3. Historia Nacional e Universal.
4. Catecismo Primeiro da Igreja Methodista.
5. Sermoes de Wesley, sobre Justificação pela Fé e Testemunho do Espirito.
6. Relatorio escripto de conversão do candidato e da vocação para ministerio.

§ 2. I ANNO

1. Historia, Doutrina e Interpretacão da Biblia (Angus-Green), Caps. 17-21.
2. Principios da Interpretacão da Biblia, por *Barrows*.
3. Manual de Evidencias de Christianismo por *Fisher*.
4. Disciplina, Caps. III-VI.
5. Vida de Christo, *Stalker*.
6. Sermão escripto sobre arrependimento.

Books to read :

1. Sermoes de Wesley, Vol. I.
2. Noites Com os Romanistas.
3. Historia Ecclesiastica.—*Thiago Whary*.

§ 3. II ANNO

1. Historia, Doutrina e Interpretação da Biblia, Caps. 1-9.
2. Manual de Doutrine Christiana.—*Banks*.
3. Escola Dominical om Actividado.—*Faris*.
4. Homiletica.—*Burt*.
5. Disciplina, Caps. VII-XVII.
6. Vida de São Paulo.—*Stalker*.
7. Sermão escripto sobre, Justificação.

Books to read :

1. Wesley e o Seculo Delle.—*Fitchett*.
2. Translation, "Personal Salvation."—*Tillett*.
3. Innovações de Romanismo.

§ 4. III ANNO

1. Historia, Doutrina e Interpretação da Biblia, Caps. 10-16.
2. Ethica.—*King*.
3. Historia de la Iglesia Christiana (1a e 2a Parte).—*Hurst*.
4. Disciplina, Caps. XVIII-XXVII.
5. Sermão escripto, sobre Testemunho do Espirito.

Books to read :

1. Esboco de Theologia.—*Clarke*, pages 1-226.
2. Historia da Reforma.—*Lindsay*, Leia-sevida de Luthero.
3. Translation of Bible Dictionary.—*Davis*.

§ 5. IV ANNO

1. Consideracoes Sobre a Biblia.—*Rodriguez*.
2. Psychologia.
3. Historia de la Iglesia Christiana (3a e 4a Partes).—*Hurst*.
4. Disciplina, Caps. I-XXVII.
5. Sermão escripto sobre Regeneração.

Books to read:

1. Esboco de Theologia, por *Clarke*, pages 227-482.
 2. Translation of "Our Lord's Teaching."—*Robertson*.
 3. Translation of "Skilled Labor for the Master."—*Hendrix*.
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¶ 659. BULGARIAN COURSE

§ 1. RECEPTION ON TRIAL

1. Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
2. Bible History. (New Testament.)—*South*.
3. Life of Wesley.—*Lelievre*. (First half of the book.)
4. Ancient History.—*Dermancheff*.
5. Bulgarian History.—*Bobcheff*.
6. Bulgarian Syntax.—*Mercheff*.
7. Bulgarian Orthography.—*Constantinoff*.
8. Catechism Number 2.
9. A short written statement of the Christian experience of the candidate and his call to preach the gospel.

§ 2. FIRST YEAR

1. Apologetics.—*Luthardt*. (Part I.)
2. Life of Wesley.—*Lelievre*. (Last half of the book.)
3. History of the Middle Ages.—*Dermancheff*.
4. Theory of Prose.—*Angeloff*.
5. Binney's Compend.
6. Evidences of Christianity. (First half of the book.)
7. Homiletics.—*Burt*.
8. A written sermon on the Fall of Man, or on the Atonement.

To be read:

1. *Imago Christi*.—*Stalker*.
2. Natural Theology.—*Tsanoff*.

§ 3. SECOND YEAR

1. Apologetics.—*Luthardt*. (Part II.)
2. Exegesis.—The Gospel of Luke.—*Riggs*.

3. Evidences of Christianity. (Second half of the book.)

4. Life of Christ.—*Stalker*.

5. Modern History.—*Dermancheff*.

6. Theory of Poetry.—*Angeloff*.

7. History of Bulgarian Literature.—*Mircheff*.

8. The Person of Christ.—*Schaff*.

9. A written sermon on Justification by Faith.

To be read :

Is the Bible the True Word of God?—*Holway*.

§ 4. THIRD YEAR

1. Psychology.—*Plechanoff*.

2. Christian Baptism.—*Merrill*.

3. Ethics.—*Janet*.

4. Contemporaneous History.—*Agura*.

5. Church History.—*Giesler*. (First half of the book.)

6. Logic.—*Plechanoff*. (First half of the book.)

7. Life of Saint Paul.—*Stalker*.

8. How to Bring Souls to Christ.—*Torrey*.

9. Exegesis. Gospel of John.—*Riggs*.

10. A written sermon on Regeneration, or on Sanctification.

§ 5. FOURTH YEAR

1. Logic.—*Plechanoff*. (Last half of the book.)

2. Church History.—*Giesler*. (Last half of the book.)

3. History of Civilization.—*Guizot*.

4. Fundamental Truths of the Christian Faith.

5. Pastoral Theology.—*Kidder*.

6. Exegesis: Epistle to the Hebrews.—*Riggs*.

7. Exegesis: Epistle to the Romans.—*Riggs*.

8. Tongue of Fire.—*Arthur*.

To be read :

1. Valor.—*Wagner*.

2. Heredity.—*Bradford*.

FRENCH COURSE

¶ 660. Program des Etudes et Lectures Pour les Evangelistes

§ 1. ADMISSION SOUS ÉPROUVE

1. Catechisme (y compris les Doctrines et Principes de l'Eglise Méthodiste Episcopale).
2. Discipline de l'Eglise Méthodiste Episcopale.
3. Histoire Biblique. A. Jéovah.—*Westphal*. B. Le Nouveau Testament, par *Paul Fagues*.
4. Histoire de l'Eglise Méthodiste Episcopale.—*Ferri*. (Traduction.—*Lieure*.)
5. Doctrine Chrétienne.—*Rabut*.
6. Sermon écrit.

A Lire :

1. Sermons de Wesley. (Vol. I.)
2. Vie de Wesley.—*Lieure*.
3. Discourse.—*Finney*.
4. La langue de Feu.—*Arthur*. (Traduction Française.)
5. Les Pionniers Américaine.—*Lelièvre*.

§ 2. PREMIÈRE ANNÉE

1. Introduction Biblique ; Ancien testament ; Le Pentateuque, les livres historiques.—*Schlatter*.
2. Homilétique.—*Vinet*.
- 3 Philosophie, Histoire de la Philosophie.—*Weber* (300 pages environ.)
4. Histoire. Cours complet d'Histoire.—*Malet*. (Vol. I. Antiquité.)
5. Littérature française.—*Doumic*.
6. Théologie dogmatique.—*Bovon*. (Lère moitié.)

A Lire :

1. La Vie de Jésus.—*Préssensé*.

2. *Traité d'Homilétique.*—*Burt.*
3. *La Palestine.*—*Bovet.*

§ 3. DEUXIÈME ANNÉE

1. Introduction Biblique (Ancien Testament: Hagiographes, Prophètes).—*Schlatter.*
2. Histoire, cours complet.—*Malet.* (Vol. II.)
3. Philosophie, Histoire de la Philosophie.—*Weber* (fin du Vol.).
4. Histoire de l'Eglise.—*Chastel.*
5. Théologie dogmatique.—*Boron.* (2ème moitié.)

A Lire :

1. Histoire des Protestants de France.—*Felice.*
2. De la Révocation à la Révolution.—*Lelièvre.*
3. Esquisse de la Philosophie de la Religion.—*A. Sabatier.*
4. Experience Religieuse.—*James.* (Traduction Abauzit.)

§ 4. TROISIÈME ANNÉE

1. Histoire, cours complet.—*Malet.* (Vol. III.)
2. Introduction Biblique: Nouveau Testament.—*Fargues.*
3. Philosophie.—*Boirac.* (p. 1 à 312.)
4. Théologie morale.—*Boron.* (Vol. I.)
5. Exégèse Saint Paul.—*Bonnet.* (Epître aux Romains.)

A Lire :

1. Le Christianisme Social.—*Fallot.*
2. La Philosophie de la Croix.—*Gindrau.*
3. Histoire de la Bible en France.—*Lortsch.*

§ 5. QUATRIÈME ANNÉE

1. Histoire, cours complet.—*Malet.* (Vol. IV.)
2. Apologétique. Mission Historique de Jésus.—*H. Monnier.*
3. Théologie morale.—*Boron.* (Vol. III.)

4. Exégèse Saint Paul.—*de Faye*.
5. Philosophie. *Boirac*. (312 à 516.)

A Lire :

1. l'Oeuvre de Saint Esprit.—*Tophel*.
2. Valeur de l'Experience religieuse.—*Bois*.
3. Apologétique du Christianisme.—*Berthoud*.
4. Le Christ et la Pensée moderne.—*Gindraux*.

¶ 661. NOTE—OTHER COURSES

For Courses presented in Ojibway, and in the languages of Africa, India, Malaysia, China, Japan, and Korea, see the Year Books of Annual Conferences and Missions.

¶ 662. FOR DEACONESSSES

[Prepared by The General Deaconess Board]

This Course of Study went into effect May 1st, 1921. "Directions and Helps" for the Course are now available and these "Directions and Helps" are to be regarded as among the requirements of the "Course."

Graduates of recognized Training Schools are exempt from these studies and certificates of credit covering any of the following books or their equivalents may be accepted by the Conference Deaconess Board.

A graduate of a registered hospital of our Church or of any other hospital approved by the General Deaconess Board, is exempt from this Course of Study except those sections on Bible, Church History, and the Discipline.

§ 1. ADMISSION ON PROBATION

The candidate for Probationary Deaconess, who is not a graduate of a recognized Training School or registered hospital, is expected to meet the following requirements:

1. Pass examinations in the following books:

1. Art of Writing English.—*Brown-Barnes*.
2. The Life of John Wesley.—*Winchester*.
3. The Bible—Its Origin and Nature.—*Dods*.
4. The Deaconess Movement.—*Golder*.
5. Directions and Helps.

2. Write the following :

1. An essay of one thousand words on Sunday School Work based on Organization and Administration of Religious Education.—*Stout*.
2. The candidate shall be prepared to write a paper of not less than six hundred words upon one of the following subjects, using only the materials found in the Bible :
 The Life of Moses.
 The Life of Paul.
3. During the period of probation pursue the following Course of Study :

§ 2. FIRST YEAR

THE BIBLE—NEW TESTAMENT.

For study :

New Testament History.—*Rall*.

To be read :

Paul and His Epistles.—*Hayes*.

CHURCH HISTORY AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

For study :

A Short History of the Christian Church.—*Moncrief*.

To be read :

Social Aspects of Foreign Missions.—*Faunce*.

The New Home Missions.—*Douglas*.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

For study :

Childhood and Character.—*Hartshorne*.

To be read :

How to Teach Religion.—*Betts*.

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

For study:

Society, Its Origin and Development.—*Rowe*.

To be read:

Jesus Christ and the Social Question.—*Peabody*.

EVANGELISM AND CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

For study:

Everyday Evangelism.—*Lcete*.

To be read:

Selections from John Wesley.—*Welch*.

§ 3. SECOND YEAR

THE BIBLE—OLD TESTAMENT.

For study:

Studies in the Old Testament.—*Morgan-Taylor*.

To be read:

The Beacon Lights of Prophecy.—*Knudson*.

CHURCH HISTORY AND CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

For study:

Abridged History of Methodism.—*Stevens*.

Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Edition of 1920.

To be read:

The Faiths of Mankind.—*Soper*.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

For study:

Religious Education and Democracy.—*Winchester*.

To be read:

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice.—*Meyer*.

A Working Program for a Local Church.—*Cook*.

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

For study:

Christianizing the Social Order.—*Rauschenbusch*.

¶ 662 COURSES OF STUDY—DEACONESSSES

To be read :

Christianizing Community Life.—*Ward and Edwards.*

Friendly Visiting Among the Poor.—*Richmond.*

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

For study :

The Theology of a Methodist.—*Huse.*

To be read :

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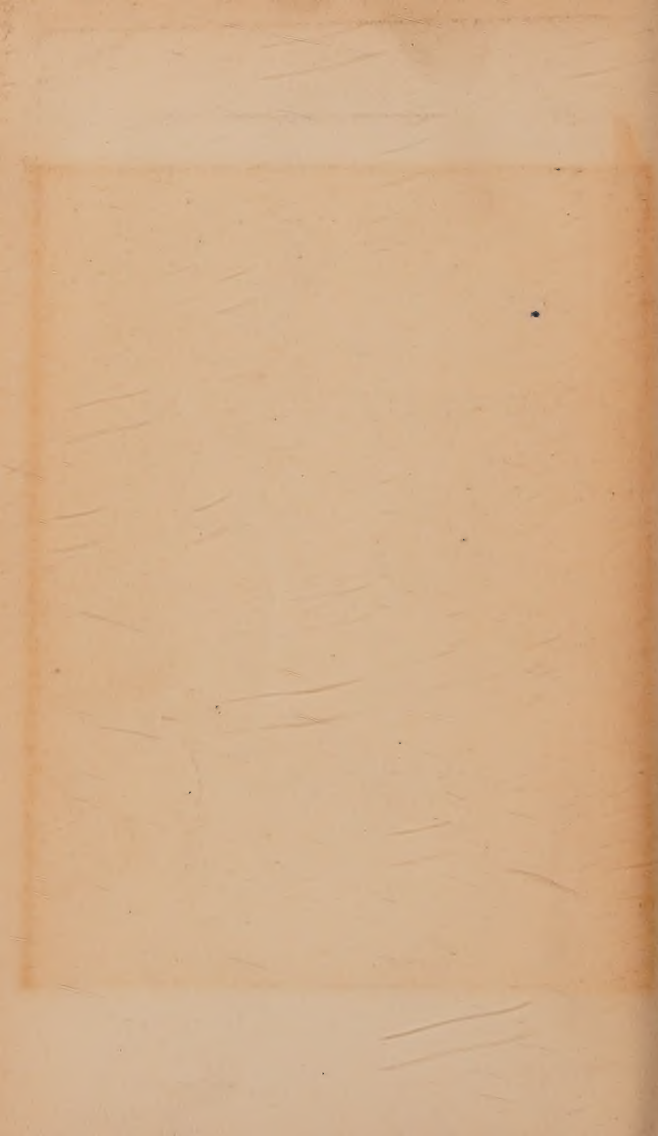
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